

ELEPHANT ROCKS STATE PARK

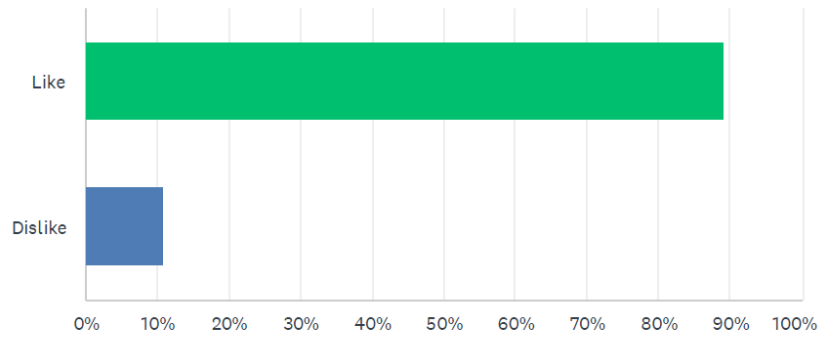
Survey #2

4,480 Responses

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Q1 Improve Highway 21 with turning lanes and install “Caution Vehicle Exiting” light for oncoming traffic.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

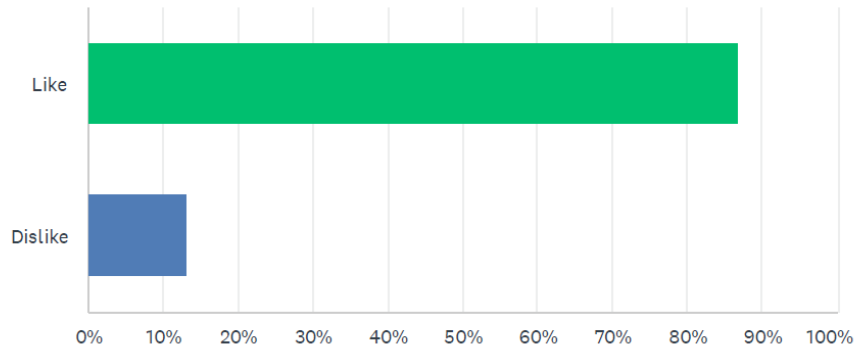


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	89.17%	3,995
Dislike	10.83%	485
TOTAL		4,480

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Q2 Improve traffic flow in the park with U-turn opportunity, passive parking management, and a dedicated exit lane.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

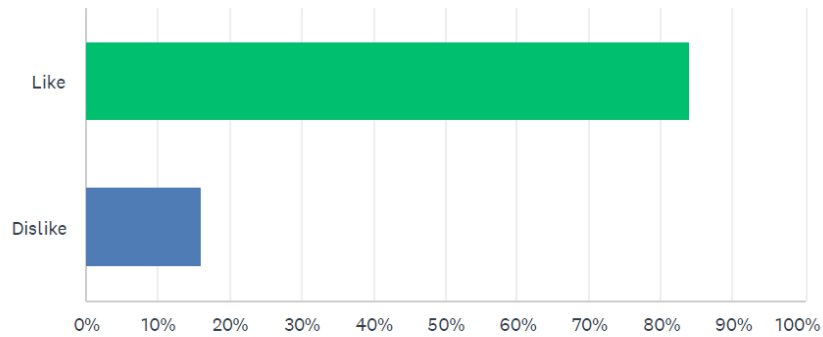


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	86.70%	3,884
Dislike	13.30%	596
TOTAL		4,480

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Q3 Improve parking to accommodate increased visitation, over-sized vehicles, and motorcycles.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

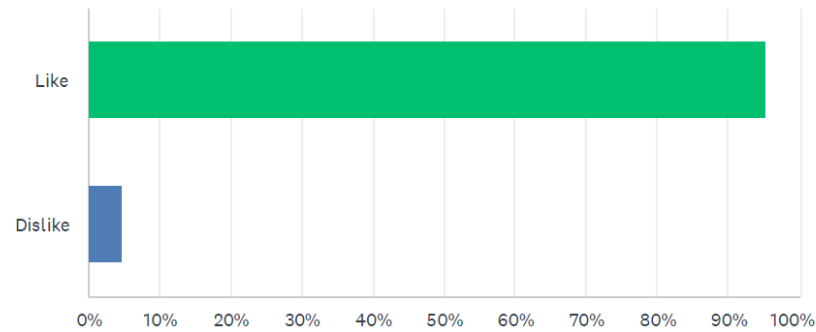


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	84.02%	3,764
Dislike	15.98%	716
TOTAL		4,480

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Q4 Increased restroom capacity with new all-season flush restrooms.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

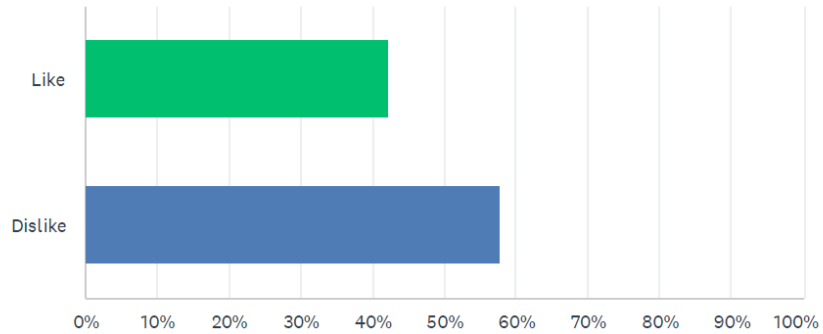


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	95.25%	4,267
Dislike	4.75%	213
TOTAL		4,480

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Q5 Install an EV charging station.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

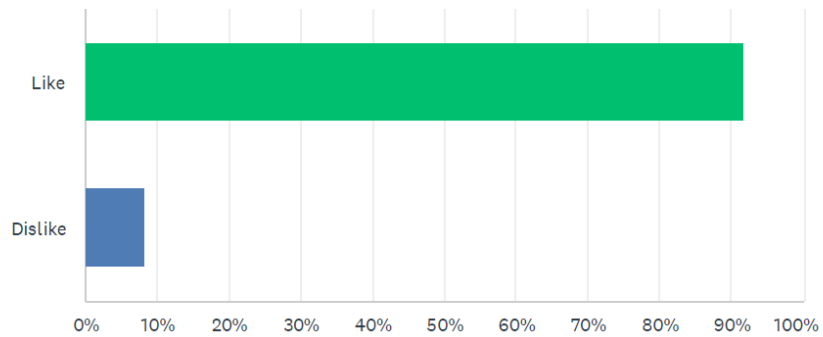


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	42.17%	1,889
Dislike	57.83%	2,591
TOTAL		4,480

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Q6 Update existing Day Use Area to increase ADA accessibility, including sidewalk improvements.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

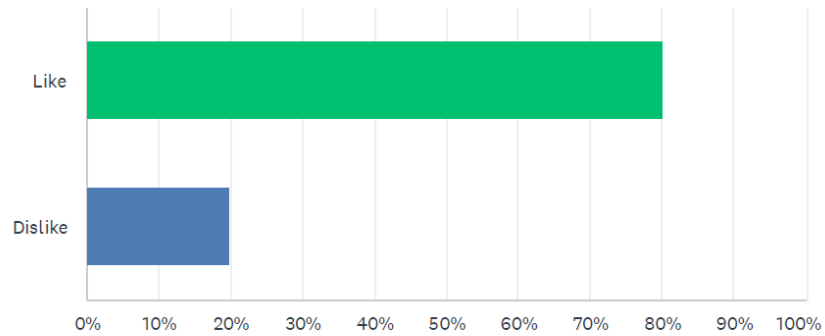


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	91.79%	4,112
Dislike	8.21%	368
TOTAL		4,480

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Q7 Enhance wireless connectivity for park operations and public safety.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

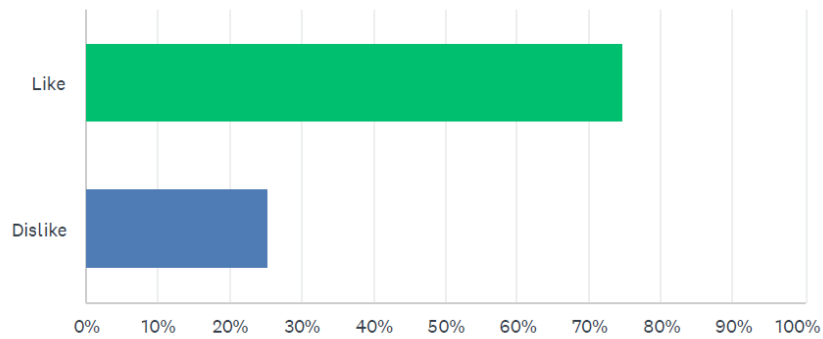


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	80.25%	3,595
Dislike	19.75%	885
TOTAL		4,480

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Q8 Develop new ADA accessible interpretive Area with amphitheater, interpretive kiosks, and a small shelter.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

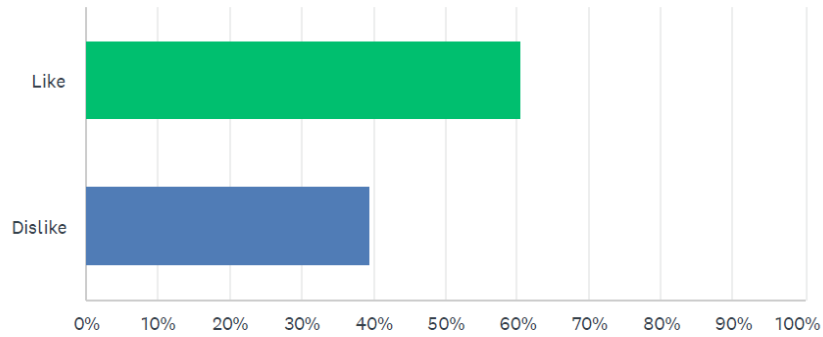


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	74.55%	3,340
Dislike	25.45%	1,140
TOTAL		4,480

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Q9 Construct a small concession stand to offer drinks, food, and park merchandise.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

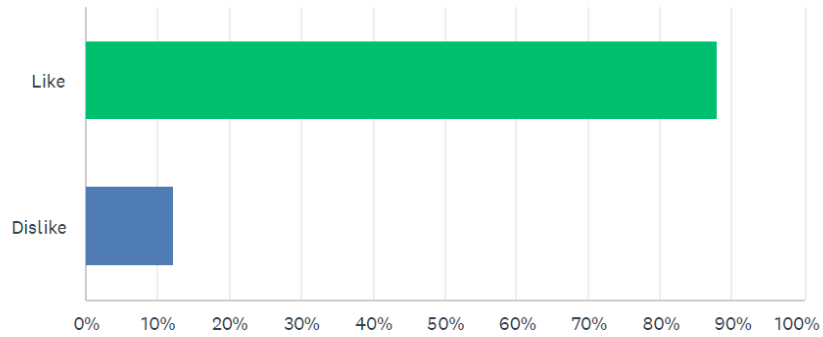


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	60.49%	2,710
Dislike	39.51%	1,770
TOTAL		4,480

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Q10 Upgrade and expand the Braille Trail to meet ADA standards, and increase width for track chairs and emergency response.

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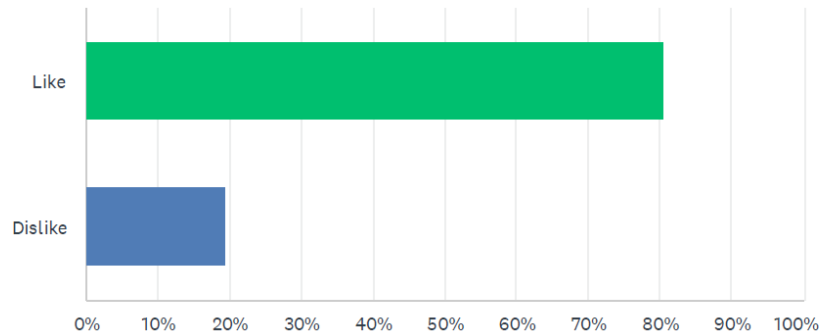


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	87.83%	3,935
Dislike	12.17%	545
TOTAL		4,480

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Q11 Expand the maintenance shop to accommodate vehicle and equipment maintenance.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0

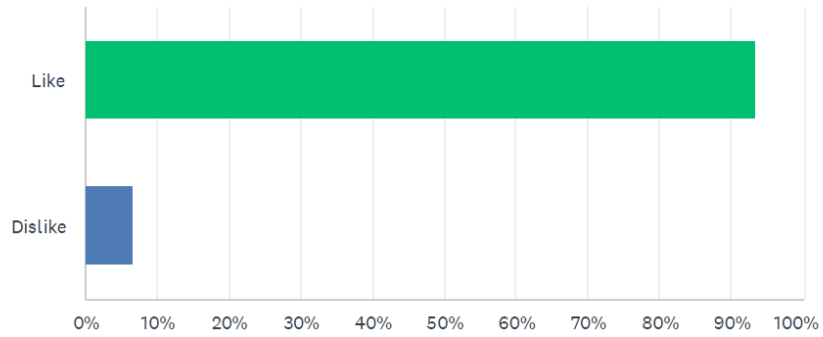


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Like		80.51%	3,607
Dislike		19.49%	873
TOTAL			4,480

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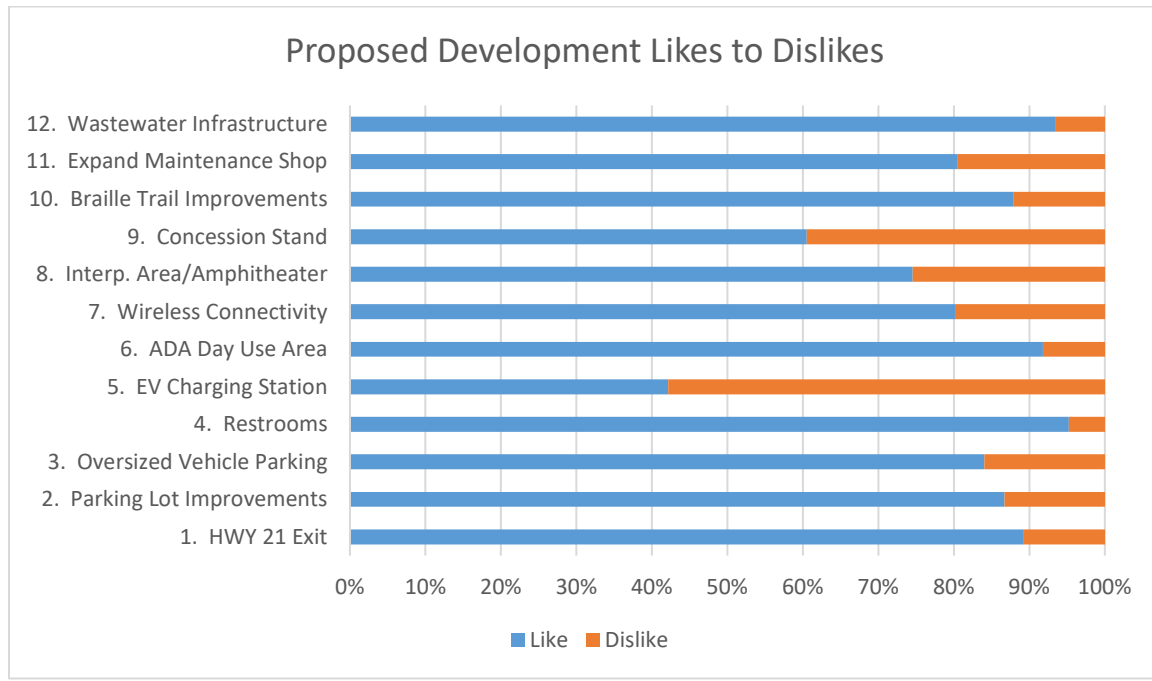
Q12 Expand wastewater infrastructure to accommodate new flush restrooms.

Answered: 4,480 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Like	93.39%	4,184
Dislike	6.61%	296
TOTAL		4,480

Survey Response Breakdown



Most Popular:

1. Improved Bathrooms
2. Wastewater Infrastructure
3. ADA-Accessible Day Use Area Improvements

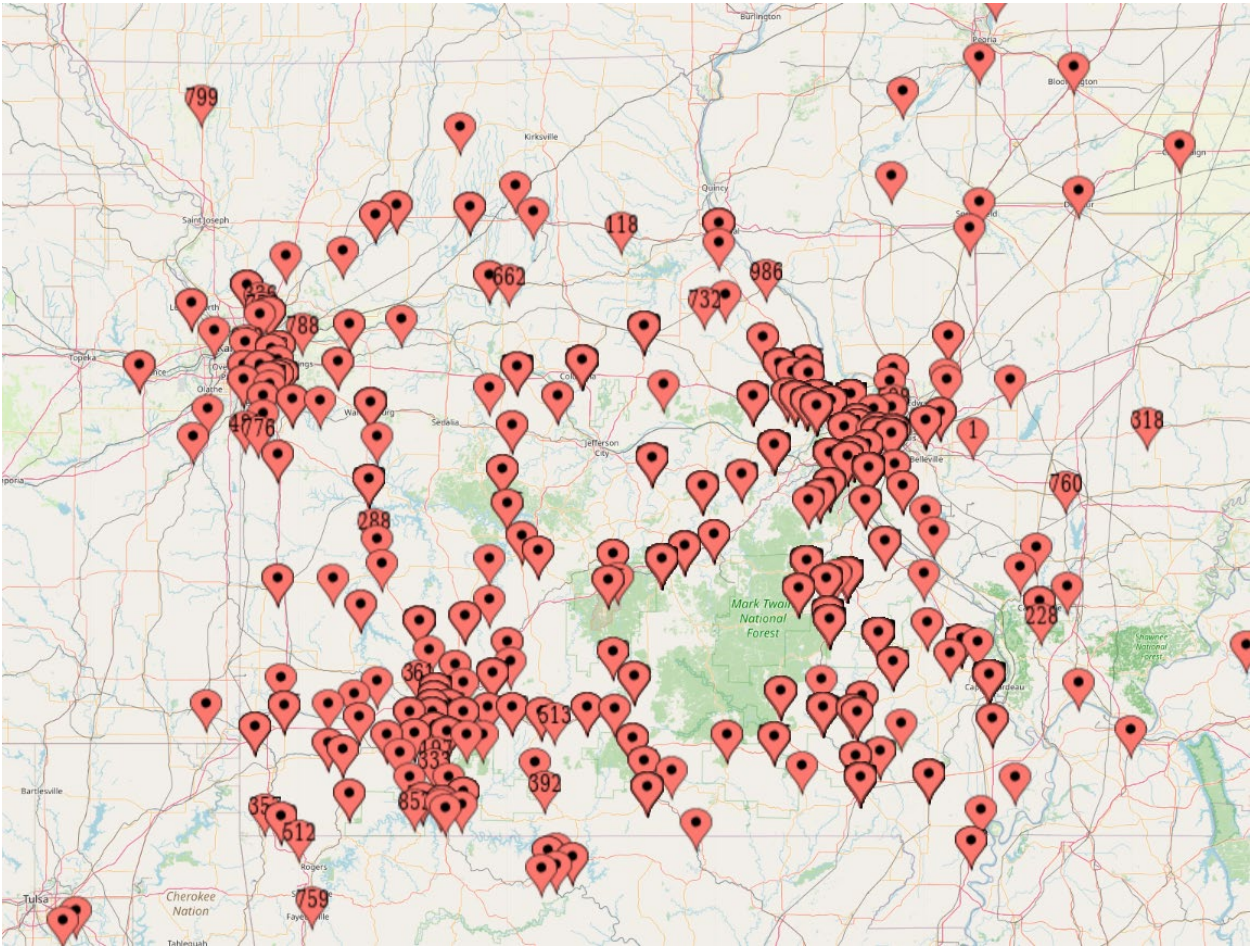
Least Popular:

1. EV Charging Stations
2. Concession Stand
3. Increased Interpretation and Amphitheater

Word Cloud



Survey Participant Location Map



Q13: Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding Lewis and Clark State Park?

1. Extend morning hours so you can be there at sunrise.
2. Not just parking for specific vehicles but more spots in general
3. Parking, clean bathrooms, and walking trails please.
4. I love this park and my kids too. I loved it more when you could swim in the reservoir!
5. I love the park and want it maintained but I do not want it commercialized and citified. I vote against the cellular/Wi-Fi improvement even though I was without cell signal with a car break down. Safety is important, but being able to/making one disconnect is valuable too.
6. We love climbing on those rocks.
7. This is a beautiful park and I'm excited to see any new developments.
8. Putting in concessions would increase the chance of littering.
9. We recently visited the park. I agree with all the proposals.
10. We love visiting the park! Restrooms have always been a concern for us though. We try to go to a gas station BEFORE we get there just to avoid them. Love the idea to upgrade and expand them.
11. Leave it more natural please.
12. One of the few state parks that hasn't changed much through the years. Please keep it that way.
13. Definitely need better restrooms. Love the idea of a concession/ merch stand!!
14. Some basic camp sites would be nice.
15. My main concern with visiting was the bathrooms. There was a large line and plenty of people there.
16. This is a park created by nature, leave it alone as much as possible
17. Keep it as natural as possible.
18. Covered picnic tables
19. I do not see the need for an event charging station it is not an overnight stay area
20. What a national treasure. Thank you for the establishment and preservation of this public space. Please never let capitalistic short term incentives privatize and commodify this ecological treasure, accessible to the public.
21. I would push everyone to JSI or Pilot Knob for concessions, souvenirs, etc.
22. I love the EV's, but due to their limited range, most folks don't long-distance travel in them. I don't believe spending money for a charging station is being good stewards of the funds given. It should be the very last thing IF funds are available after all safety issues have been addressed.
23. Growing up and family still living in the area, a turning lane would be a great improvement, a light seems bit much, but expecting a larger influx of traffic once accommodations are made its understood.
24. I do not like the idea of a concession stand. I think it will create litter and I think people will feed more junk food to the animals than they already do.
25. No
26. Leave it alone. Stop commercializing nature.
27. I think almost all of the proposed upgrades are needed. Not sure about the EV charging stations. I don't think they belong in a natural setting.
28. More walking trails
29. Preserve it
30. Make a small area available for overnight tent camping for scouts and other youth organizations to use.

31. Do NOT put an EV charging station there.
32. Ensure that trails are maintained and make sure there are different trails of different lengths to making hiking accessible and enjoyable for different levels of hiking.
33. More trash/recycling receptacles on the trail. There's so much trash and broken glass up on the rocks, in the old engine house, etc. We clean up what we can when we're there.
34. I don't like the idea of having charging stations. It could bring non visitor congestion to charge their vehicle. Also, concessions I feel will be a waste. Not enough want. Maybe a visitor center offering brochures to all things offered in the area to do, snacks/drinks, and merch. Could even integrate some history and things to see inside the visitor center.
35. I think development of the park should be kept to a minimum. The braille trail is already in poor repair and I can see no reason to believe Missouri State Parks would do a good job up keeping an expanded trail.
36. My favorite place as a kid would love to see them introduce more fish in the quarry and make a walkway to get down there and look at them.
37. Just to make any improvements is great. We always visit when our kids are home.
38. No, something definitely needs done with those bathrooms though
39. Upgrade children's playground to an accessible playground for all children including those in wheelchairs and special needs
40. It is a beautiful park!!
41. More hiking trails please
42. Visit there often & we love it!
43. I don't see the need to spend public money on EV chargers. Even if they were "pay for" chargers, the cost would never be recuperated. I also don't think snack bar is necessary, there's a town with plenty of options just a couple of miles down the street.
44. Leave it alone! Leave no trace! You'll spoil the park!
45. The beauty of the park is the fact there is limited amount of parking which means limited amount of people. When walking on the trail, there are times when no one is around and a person can relax and enjoy the nature. Don't disrupt the beauty for modernization. Updating the restrooms and having cell service will not take away from the park experience. People can bring their own drinks and snacks...that enhances the experience.
46. Leave as natural as possible while still encouraging visitation
47. I like the park the way it is. I think a concession stand would take away from the natural setting of the park.
48. One of our favorite parks for a day visit! Actually love the "primitive" / explorative feel of the place.
49. More restrooms and restrooms that are flush toilets is a must for this park and make sure they are ADA accessible
50. Keep up the good work. We love this place!
51. We love going to Elephant Rocks! Please don't make it commercialized with concessions and shopping.
52. Try to keep as much of the natural beauty and feel as possible. Change, but not modernize the look.
53. I would like for a disc golf course to be added in the heavily wooded area of the park.
54. More parking is necessary for sure.
55. Leave it alone
56. I do not think any nature should be killed for more parking space.
57. Not at this time

58. Used to visit there a lot when I was a child, it's a beautiful park. We always share information about it when we have family and friends coming into our area. We live 10 minutes from there now.
59. It is a great park. Keep it as natural as possible.
60. Perhaps have some guides?
61. All of those changes would be amazing.
62. No electrical anything. Don't put technology in with the beautiful nature of
63. Make it a national park!
64. Adding a commuter van ride between the rocks and shut-ins could go very well.
65. In my opinion it would be nice to see multiple classes in the spring and fall. To teach kids about wildlife, survival, ECT. It would be nice to multiple organizations to teach kids about the great outdoors in order to preserve our natural resources for future generations.
66. Signs in Potosi telling people it is further down the road
67. I have always love going down to the Rocks.
68. It is a fantastic, one-of-a-kind Park but needs modernization and upgrades to facilities and signage
69. Water stations for drinking and water mist to cool down
70. The State should try to purchase old quarry near park and expand there
71. One of the greatest features of the park is that it is very natural. The updates are needed as long as they are made on the fringe area of the park. We have enjoyed this park even before the braille trail was put in. Love it, a natural treasure!!!!
72. It's nature trail, it does not need all those improvements - people need to go back to basics when in nature that's the point!
73. Make the playground area better with more age related play areas. Also have the water fountains work again around the trail
74. I would love real bathrooms there!
75. Please think long term and invest in solar and renewable resources to improve the park infrastructure for your great grandchildren and beyond.
- 76.
77. EV charging station is not a good idea. With the fires that can occur that's an unnecessary risk. The Arcadia valley can install EV charging stations to promote EV users to frequent local businesses.
78. Great place, thanks for all you've done and continue doing!!
79. All season flush toilets would be great. Please consider installing toddler toilets and sinks in the bathrooms.
80. Cool attraction. Are there other options besides flush toilets so you don't have to create a lagoon?
81. I would love to see all of these things happen! I think if we invest that much money in upgrades, we need to invest in advertising the valley/ parks to gain more revenue for the valley.
82. Increased parking would be phenomenal! Thank you.
83. I love the idea of making it more accessible for people via ADA improvements. I am also in favor of making improvements for safety and showcasing some of the history.
84. Real toilets and water to wash hands.
85. Add additional signage explaining the previous mining operation at the site, including historical photographs, where the granite was used and in what buildings around the United States. - Restore the 1890's Engine house, incorporate the history of the Middlebrook & Graniteville Railway Company.

86. I would like to see the quarries, especially the one in front near the entrance cleaned. Yes it would mean draining them but I feel cleaning would improve things and cut down one mosquitoes, etc. I know there are things in them, but getting rid of old vehicles a plus.
87. Try to leave it as natural as possible. While we like that more visitors want to come it is nice to have a limit on parking to reduce overcrowding.
88. You all should do some prescribed burns and limit development of the site. The area is already so heavily mined and disturbed please don't add any new trails or expansions
89. More parking, better restrooms and a concessions would be amazing!
90. It's great how it is! A few EV charging stations would be helpful.
91. Fix the Braille signs. Raised bumps are missing on a lot of them. Makes it difficult for Braille readers. Especially beginners like my blind 8 year old
92. Protect the treasure!
93. Open quarries to swimming
94. I like your idea of flush toilets. You do need more toilets than what you have right now.
95. No
96. The park should bring back the water fountains around the path. It really helps people who don't want to carry water around the trail.
97. Elephant Rock is an amazing park. Thank you for the care that it gets.
98. Keep it natural, keep it clean.
99. The quarry inside the brail trail is begging to be a swimming hole. Clean up dangers from when it was active, but keep features and make jumping platforms, rope swings, etc.
100. There should be call outs for other local attractions around the area within the park.
101. This plan sounds amazing! Long overdue upgrades for a park that is a family favorite of ours!
102. Allow roped climbing
103. Elephant Rocks is a beautiful park, in which I have wonderful childhood memories. Giving the park an updated look and maintaining its beauty will require a delicate balance, but is needed.
104. I would like to see a more updated history of the Elephant Rocks - new kiosks etc.... I am the great granddaughter of AJ Sheahan who owned the Sheahan quarry located in Elephant Rocks. Could there be a sign showing the location of that quarry and the history? I see a lot of pictures of that quarry but no one knows the history
105. Elephant Rocks is a favorite for our family. We go at least once a year if not more.
106. An interpretive center and gift shop would be fantastic, but this is already a fabulous place.
107. Leave it the way it is
108. Better playground area. Upgrade picnic area.
109. Upgraded bathroom facilities and ADA trail and bathroom upgrades would absolutely improve access
110. Full service campground
111. Maintain its natural beauty as much as possible. Do not consider any off road recreation in this park.
112. More restroom accom8dation, but not all weather. Not safe to hike those rocks or trails when icy anyway.
113. All proposed improvements would be welcomed.
114. Please leave as is. Sometimes improvements aren't improving the situation at all. The park can only accommodate so many people. Please do not add more concrete. This park is impressive enough.

- 115. Would love to see more trails.
- 116. Leave it alone. More hiking trails would be the only improvement I would suggest.
- 117. I marked "dislike" for parking lot changes and maintenance building expansion because I don't know how much the natural habitat or scenic views will be affected by them. I also really don't like the idea of the site being overly-crowded. That ruins the experience. If more parking would create larger crowds, I don't want it. I disliked concessions because they sound like a chance to introduce more trash to the site (think food wrappers). If it's necessary to raise enough money to support proper maintenance, then I guess it's ok. Otherwise, the less commercialization, the better. I do support making things more ADA accessible. Adding year-round flush toilets actually seems like an aspect of this to me. Thank you for soliciting feedback on all of this.
- 118. Wonderful park and hoping to see more visitors enjoy this area with suggested improvements
- 119. Camping! Updated playground. Small gift shop.
- 120. Maybe a campground close by
- 121. Do a better job of fencing. Keep off those quarries. They are dangerous!
- 122. It should be open later, til dusk
- 123. Traffic flow in and out with parking for larger vehicles is a concern.
- 124. It is a very popular destination. I hope the MDNR can continue to staff it.
- 125. Love elephant rocks, take my family there every year
- 126. Flushing toilets please!!!
- 127. Will the flush toilets have to be closed in winter months due to pipes bursting? I'd rather have year round toilets. Will taxes go up for surrounding communities if everything listed goes through? Will there be an off season for the merchandise and food house? It's not as popular in December like it is July.
- 128. It's all wonderful
- 129. I understand upgrades, but the more you do, the more it disturbs the natural beauty of the park. It effects vegetation and eco systems. Minimal changes would be best. It's a large tourist attraction. The trails get crowded. It doesn't need to be expanded to accommodate others if it hurts the eco system.
- 130. Add a fountain to fill water bottles (if there isn't one already - I can't remember if there is or not)
- 131. I just want to see the park kept up and running for many more years. It was a staple of my childhood.
- 132. Create more jobs
- 133. Take down the prison like Covid era gate and concrete blocks ! Makes the park look awful and uninviting.
- 134. I love this park!
- 135. Love this park and it's history.
- 136. More access for bouldering and rock climbing
- 137. Been there numerous times and always have a good time. It would be nice to have more, or better marked restrooms and water fountains along the way. The hikes can get pretty hot and tiring on our hot/humid days.
- 138. Updates to improve ADA accessibility is likely overdue. Thank you for increasing accessibility for disabled guests!
- 139. My family loves visiting this park. Love to see some upkeep and improvements.
- 140. Hand Soap/Updated Restrooms
- 141. Don't commercialize the park with souvenir shops. Keep it as natural as possible.

142. Install cellphone charging stations. How about an observation tower?
143. Love the park! Great updates to improve accessibility for all
144. Leave park as natural as it is
145. I would recommend rehanging ropes that have fallen, and a sign pointing to the engine house trail.
146. Please add a hiking trail!! There is a lot of land there and a moderate would be sensational given the terrain.
147. There's not enough EV's in the area to waste money on a charge station. Concession stand would be expensive cost and take away from family picnics. Maybe more BBQ pits and tables.
148. Water stations throughout the park
149. Keep it the way it is no concessions. It's not a theme park. Folks will trash it. Beautiful the way it is.
150. Try not to change it too much. Leave nature be!
151. I would love to see expanded hiking trails in the park
152. Expand walking - jogging trails further in the park. Install a covered pavilion near the entrance that people can use/rent for gatherings (family reunions, weddings, etc.). Love this park.
153. I really like the ideas of making the park more ADA compliant. Will this include opportunities for those that require the use of walkers and or wheelchairs the ability to have a "walking" trail to enjoy things that do not include only vehicle access along with areas to rest with benches and or picnic areas? What about adding more historical information posts that explain the history of the park and development and potential educational ties for all levels of education to make this an area to gain resources for classroom inclusion in both the public, private and homeschool areas?
154. Elephant Rocks is a wonderful place for children of all ages. My kids started exploring Elephant Rocks at about kindergarten ages and still love the place at age 30.
155. Love the proposal...make it happen!
156. Consider adding another trail if possible
157. Restrooms, rain shelters, sitting area, etc. at the back of the park.
158. I thought it was rather nice the last time I started a hike on the Ozark Trail from there.
159. This has always been one of my favorite MO places to visit and hike.
160. The Amphitheater is too far reaching and a waste of money in my opinion. And a Snack Shop will lead to more people letting trash around the park. People are already inconceivable with their trash. Let's not give them fire power. I sometimes bring a trash picker and a few trash bags with me to our State Parks. This summer I did Elephant Rock and had one large gag of trash. And that was just on the trails (I don't go off trails).
161. Great park
162. Keep it simple. Government should only provide core services, facilities, access and upkeep. Don't touch the rocks.
163. I think Elephant Rocks needs an active Visitor's Center so that groups from the local community can utilize this park for meetings and the Parks Department can host community events.
164. Should be left as natural as possible during upgrades.
165. Investing in its maintenance is a priority.
166. Keep as natural as possible.
167. We love Elephant Rocks State Park!
168. EV charging is unnecessary and so is a shop with Johnson Shut-Ins so close

169. Leave it alone
170. The rugged and rustic nature of the park is its appeal. Some aspects may not be accessible to all. Expanding all components for ADA accessibility diminishes or may damage.
171. I love elephant rocks!!
172. More restroom capacity is needed ASAP.
173. Sounds great with the exception of the charging station, which I think is a waste of money.
174. Don't move any of the rocks. I want to see it as I did years ago when I visit. Lots of family memories.
175. My biggest suggestion is if you are removing plants and/or displacing animals from one area to make these improvements, please plant natives and trees to offset the destruction.
176. What a great park, this all looks good, nice to see it get some refresh updates.
177. Wonderful park! Visited several times and always recommend it to friends.
178. Protect native plants and wildlife.
179. Just preserve it and educate the public regarding its geologic history.
180. No smoking in park
181. Besides much needed toilets, I have always enjoyed the fact that this park is more "rustic" and old school.
182. Keep it as natural as possible, don't add a lot of buildings or any consumer like stuff. It ruins it for those who just wanna go and enjoy nature
183. Try to minimize commercial impact.
184. It would be nice to have working drinking fountains.
185. I think the vibe of the park is perfect as is. Small updates to accommodate disabilities sounds awesome but the overall integrity and how the park currently is is perfect. I love that it's not super bustling with a gift shop and food. It's an amazing spot in nature that's perfect the way it is.
186. No Wi-Fi is necessary. We need to unplug.
187. Need clean bathrooms Park rangers in park would be nice More pop up food trucks would be fun and provide variety from day to day or week to week
188. Please make more accessible to those with disabilities.
189. Leave it alone
190. It's a great park. Doesn't need much updating except that the restroom capacity is very needed!
191. Needs more benches or places to rest.
192. 1. Strengthen environmental protection to maintain the natural features of the park. 2. Add more tourist facilities, such as rest areas and toilets. 3. Carry out more science popularization activities to let tourists better understand the ecology and history of the park. 4. Improve service quality and raise the service level of the staff.
193. It needs all these improvements because it is uniquely wonderful!!
194. My family has travelled to the park twice and have never been able to enjoy the park because parking was full and never found parking after several different attempts throughout the day. Have always heard great things about the park and will hopefully get to experience it. Thanks for looking into parking improvements.
195. More Trash Cans!!!! I know you have a lot but people are so lazy! Possibly more water stations/water available on the trails!
196. I don't get to go to Elephant Rocks as much as I want to.. but we need to be very careful not to destroy what is there. We have to encourage visitors, but those have to be the

kind of visitors we want there...the kind that pick up their trash, don't paint or scratch on Rocks, etc. There's no need to monetize everything either. It's hard enough finding things to take kids to that don't cost a lot. Even zoos and parks are out of our budget, sadly.

197. I love the ideas to increase park accessibility, safety, and traffic flow. I'm worried about the negative impacts of building concessions and increasing parking capacity. Part of enjoying our incredible parks is the peacefulness one finds in nature. If it is too commercialized, then we might lose that.
198. I grew up on those rock before it was a state park. Increase park rangers among the park to keep out the bums that have no respect and leave trash. My family always come out with trash. Build a state of the art camping area with a state ran swimming area or pool. Also a bike trail to and from Johnson state park
199. Love the park
200. Was there last October. Had a fantastic experience. Beware that more "upgrades" will have negative, unexpected consequences. Don't allow RVs. This state park is welcoming without being too formal. Love it just as is
201. Create equestrian trails!
202. Really appreciate the ADA improvements!!!
203. Just keep it as natural as possible with updates
204. Add more trails
205. No but please enhance it while respecting the natural beauty.
206. Develop a group use area if neighboring land can be acquired.
207. Better play area for kids
208. I have been going there my entire life...44 yrs...I like it just the way it is...you know when you go to pack a lunch and drinks and that's the best part of your trip...I don't think a concession should be added that takes away from the historic value. Nor do I think there show be money wasted on flush toilets or EV charging stations.
209. Share the story of a girl in Australia who was 8 hours upside down in between a bolder to encourage safe trekking. She was trying to get her iPhone that fell...
210. We really enjoy the pond area to the right of the parking lot, would like to have a dedicated trail to this area.
211. Offering a concession stand with food and drink will no doubt create more trash and debris that people carelessly leave behind, despoiling this beautiful natural place.
212. Camping?
213. I love the park and go multiple times a year. Please make the traffic and restroom changes. Also, please make it more dog friendly.
214. Add more marked trails with maps. I think the cost to benefit ratio of installing an EV charging station is just not there. There are charging stations just down the road in AV that are rarely if ever used.
215. preserve nature but make enhancements within existing areas
216. It is beautiful, but increased infrastructure will ensure that more visitors can enjoy it without destroying the natural surrounding and stay within trail boundaries.
217. Keep as natural as possible. Love park. But parking, restrooms, water availability, ADA has been an issue. Food also issue since so few places nearby, bit unsure if machines vs shop are best choice.
218. I have been visiting elephant Rock State Park for decades. I enjoy it as a remote attraction that is uncrowded and unimproved. Part of its charm is its remote location, ability to explore the rocks in its natural state and enjoying nature. If you make the improvements

- you have suggested it is going to commercialize it to an extent that will no longer be appealing.
219. Camping
220. At 133 acers and almost 200000 visitors a year, it seem like the park maybe too small for the number of visitors.
221. What a beautiful spot! Whatever you can do to preserve the beauty, please do.
222. I'd like to leave it alone as much as possible. Don't waste money on EV charging stations.
223. I like the history of the area and am interested in anything that would increase knowledge of the area for now and in the future.
224. Some development is okay, but please keep it simple and primitive. We don't need a concession stand. Don't turn it into a tourist trap.
225. Love Elephant Rock!! Great to think about some additions coming to make it more accessible.
226. New trails that offer nearby hiking.
227. I think we should try to keep as much nature without interfering
228. Camp sites.
229. Some of the stairs and other assistance features are overdue for replacement.
230. I love the park as is, but progress for health and safety reasons is great.
231. I think it's great. I think you're doing a good job already.
232. In my opinion, I like the natural trails throughout the place before all of the concrete was added. I think there should be an alternative trail that is natural (with the dirt)... I understand that handicapped people can get around better on concrete and everything, but it kind of takes away from its NATURAL state... Also, in my opinion, if you put a concession stand, there will be a lot of trash everywhere. But what you could do every year have some kind of festival where all kinds of food trucks meet up. It could bring attention to the park. Another thing I would suggest, is to reserve an area to grow flowers that are native to the area. I have found that nowadays... Most people want to see places in their natural settings. I also thought that a bicycle trail would be pretty neat. You could also put an RV park somewhere in an area. Just enough to hold a few people that might want to stay a few nights.
233. I love it as is. Any improvement is a plus.
234. I appreciate any adjustments made to increase accessibility and comply with ADA. I do not think there needs to be any type of store, and I am curious what type of "extra-large" vehicles you plan to accommodate with changes to the parking lot. We love to come climb and explore at Elephant Rocks with our family. We appreciate efforts made towards accessibility, but don't want things like a store that take away from the area as a wild area.
235. Trails are not handicap/stroller accessible. Would be nice to made that change.
236. I love our state parks, but let's not turn them into concession stands.
237. Have been going there since I was a kid. It's a great family place to hike and picnic.
238. Most important is not to disturb fat man's squeeze. Any adaptations should not mar the natural beauty of the core area.
239. We love going there!
240. Wonderful park, wonderful nature experience, don't ruin it.
241. Don't change the look of the trail. It's been that way for a very long time
242. Have more camping cabins available in the area including the shut ins
243. Covered picnic tables
244. Maybe add more trails. I don't have any other suggestions other than that.

245. If you're enhancing wireless connectivity across the park, please do it in a way that does not affect the scenery and views within the park.
246. Preserve the integrity of the park as much as possible. Actually flush toilets, internet and some food sales would be good.
247. Great park! Can't wait to see what happens!
248. I absolutely love elephant rocks starter park. Adding flush toilets should be #1 priority
249. I like it the way it is. I don't think it needs the trails constructed differently. I am most disinterested in the concession, smothered, and other modern amenities. I wish most for this area to remain natural
250. Formalize the trail that currently is just a social trail going to the smaller pond area. It needs stabilizing and work done. People are going to use it anyway so it's just getting trampled and eroded
251. Update educational signage and maybe introduce more detailed lessons on erosion and the history of Missouri Geology
252. Have enjoyed the afterhours star gazing opportunities. Would like to have the park stay open later for viewing moon rise on full moons and for viewing sunsets.
253. Please don't make it too commercial, the rustic simple setting is part of the appeal. Improved bathrooms and access/safety make sense but no need for a concession stand... takes away from the natural park/trail feel
254. No. All sound like good ideas. While the interpretive area doesn't appeal to me, it helps the disabled, I'd like to help them. I'm not sure if a concession stand that sales food is necessary, but it would be nice to be able to buy Elephant Rocks themed souvenirs. All other ideas are great!
255. Add baby changing station
256. Turn lane on HWY would be awesome
257. I think a paved trail to the train depot would help as well as more trails through the rocks, expand that.
258. Leave it alone
259. Enhanced cellular communication for safety, restrooms and improved accessibility for disabilities would be priorities to our family.
260. Leave it just like Nature created it!
261. Better and more bathrooms. Vending machines that work. Have more parking.
262. Please avoid disturbing the boulders as much as possible!
263. I love it there and think it's already pretty great
264. Love Elephant Rocks!
265. There are a few areas that could use some rails to prevent accidental falls.
266. I love the proposals being more inclusive without turning elephant rocks into a circus. Right now, it is just inviting to nature lovers & I hope the proposed improvements are in the same intent.
267. Are there trails around Elephant state park? I think it would be fun to be able to hike from this site, to give a sense of independent exploration apart from the main attraction.
268. Having more spots to sit and lunch with families. We try to gather there with family. We have done this since I was 2. It has been a tradition now for 48 years for me. Sometimes we are unable and have to meet somewhere else after spending a few hours there, leave and eat, and then come back.
269. Please continue to restrict daily admission.
270. Leave it as natural as possible. Bathrooms are good.
271. I don't think an EV charging station is needed in a state park the size of Elephant Rocks.

272. Just keep development activities sustainable and keep the park as natural as possible while instituting changes.
273. Signs on trails to let you know where you are at.
274. Really don't want to turn it into a "theme park" but with concessions and gift shops.
275. Everybody loves going to the park for what it is and how it is. Don't go changing a lot of stuff because of today standards. It is a geological preservation for a reason. We don't need electric charging and bull crap like that.
276. Team up with 6 flags and offer a discount for camping and going there or something?
277. I have loved visiting Elephant Rocks State Park and hope to continue for many years. Thank you for taking the time to maintain and improve this park!
278. I understand the need to pay for improvement but concessions might be too much. Maybe vending, you can buy merchandise that way as well. It is difficult for businesses to keep employees these days. That seems like a much bigger risk adding payroll.
279. Fallen limbs, piles of leaves need to been removed. Nature running its course isn't necessary. Seeing the granite formations and climbing on them is the whole point of the park.
280. When I was a student at UMR (now Missouri S&T), my friends and I would blow off steam by going to Elephant Rock State Park and climbing all over the place. It was awesome. Whatever you do, please don't eliminate the natural play park feel of this Park.
281. All construction should consider the natural resources as being of highest value.
282. This is one of Missouri's greatest state parks. Thanks for taking the time and effort to improve it for many generations to come.
283. The need for a large shelter that could accommodate groups of up to 50 people Available on first come and reserved
284. I love Elephant Rocks State Park mainly for the granite rocks. I am pleased that aspect is the main focus.
285. add campground
286. It would be nice to have a few more benches to sit on as you are walking around the large loop for those who have trouble walking.
287. This is a favorite park for my family but nowadays, especially in weekends. It's way overcrowded already. You don't need to increase that. Mo Parks are already becoming overly populated attractions and it takes away from the enjoyment and natural beauty when it's overcrowded.
288. Keep the developed footprint as small as possible, while making the sites accessible for visitors to access nature and natural wonders. Prioritize accessibility to groups who typically don't have accommodations at other sites. Braille trail= awesome. Lots of parking, RV space, and driving lanes=not awesome. Prefer to support local vendors (food trucks/snow cone stands) over creating new state-run concessions.
289. Love the park as it is. I hope that seniors' needs are included in this development. An emergency phone for 911 access would be appreciated. Are associates first aid trained? Will there be an AED onsite?
290. Love this jewel. Best suggestion is upgrading to flushing toilets. Please don't let the park get too commercial looking - keep it as natural as possible while accommodating ADA needs to make it as inclusive as possible. No food for sale!
291. Keep it simple and natural. Day visitors have to deal with campers and large vehicles in so many places. It's nicer to not have them sometimes
292. We frequently go to the park, my kids love it! They would love to have flush bathrooms to use.

293. The park is famous for its huge granite boulders that resemble elephants, hence the name. These boulders were formed by volcanic activity 1.5 billion years ago, where visitors can explore unique geological formations and feel the magic of nature. -Boulders form natural mazes and tunnels, perfect for tourists who like to explore and hike.
294. It's beautiful the way it is. I'm concerned about the updates harming more of the nature of the park. We're already doing so much damage.
295. We love elephant rock and would like to see it left as natural as possible while allowing as many people as possible access to see its amazing features.
296. Being a local resident, I see the daily use level and feel that expanding parking for the handful of days a year when the park is at full capacity would not be the best use of the state's time and resources. Additionally, keeping the parking lot at the current size keeps the park from being inundated more than it already is. In lieu of a concession stand, creating an area, with water and electric, for food trucks would create diverse food options as well as support the local businesses. There are currently multiple food trucks in the Arcadia Valley that I'm sure would be itching to set up at the park on weekends.
297. Can increase the rest area, convenient for people to sit when they are tired.
298. I worry that providing concessions may increase trash in the park. Would like to see more tables/shelters.
299. Please don't make it too commercial feeling.
300. Make the park nicer and safer for the current number of visitors, but don't increase the max number of visitors. You risk the park becoming overrun and ruining the peaceful environment.
301. Leave in as lone. Only improvements should be for safety not "newness."
302. Enjoy visiting and management of the area is exceptional. More parking is needed. The track chairs are great.
303. I have taken numerous student groups here for years. Having cellular and wireless would be very helpful in case of an emergency.
304. Guests bringing drones and flying them overhead really detracts from the natural experience.
305. All of the suggestions sound reasonable though needed in varying degrees. A survey to rank the items would make more sense. Top of our list would be year around flush toilets and the sanitation upgrade to accommodate this.
306. Love it
307. Maybe another trail somewhere?
308. It's great the way it is. Improvements can be made but try keeping it as close to what it is now as possible.
309. Leave it as wild as possible while accommodating as many as possible.
310. Backpacking amenities
311. Facilities and Maintenance: - Strengthening Facility Maintenance: Regularly inspect and maintain the basic facilities such as the walking paths, guardrails, and rest benches in the park to ensure the safety and comfort of tourists' use. For example, promptly replace the broken bricks and stones on the walking paths that are damaged due to long-term weathering or artificial wear, and reinforce the loose guardrails. - Adding Shade and Rain Shelter Facilities: Shade canopies or simple rain shelters can be set up in areas where tourists stay for a longer time, such as the main viewing platforms and picnic areas, so
312. Expand trails and offer education of its history
313. This is one of our family's favorite parks. I like the proposed improvements but don't want to lose the beauty in this park.

314. Thank you for incredible parks.
315. Great park with great history....give it a small facelift, but nothing that changes what we all know and love
316. One of the things that makes it great is being largely untouched and parking lot size limits use to keep it comfortable.
317. Keep it as natural and as touristy-free as possible. Pack of wireless connectivity means kids PLAY on the rocks and not on their phones.
318. It's perfect the way it is.
319. We visit a couple times a year with family in cars and on motorcycles.
320. Wireless to the public may encourage vagrancy.
321. Don't let the city people take it over.
322. Needs new playground equipment, especially swings! And new picnic tables.
323. You are here maps for navigation around elephant rock.
324. It's amazing the way it is with the exception of bathrooms and vending.
325. Our family enjoy this naturally unique park. I agree with upgrading features to comply with ADA regulations allowing more families similar experiences.
326. Redo the stairs or make a ramp that goes up to the actual elephant rocks would be very nice!
327. We love visiting and enjoying the park!
328. I understand grading access and facilities, but I think the attraction of the rocks needs to stay as natural as possible.
329. Last time we were there, there wasn't adequate trash cans in our area.
330. Expansion of the parking lot.
331. Better mapping of trails.
332. Please keep it as wild as possible. The park does not need more concrete.
333. The park has seen increasing visitation and the facilities are starting to show it, I appreciate that MO state parks is looking into facility upgrades here so we can continue to recreate here safely.
334. Not at this time, but all of that sounds great.
335. We enjoyed the park. It's nice that it doesn't have to take a lot of the day to go thru, but you can take as long as you like. Improving the trail for would be nice for many more people and families to visit.
336. The upgrade to the toilets would be a much needed upgrade since this is a busy park.
337. I want to keep the natural state of the park
338. 1. Add a cooling/1st aide station at the trail head and a small shack at the furthest point. Stock with water for emergency. 2. Widen paved trails so that 2 strollers or wheelchairs can pass side by side. 3. When wireless capabilities are increased, recommend having an app for state parks that can give a guided tour via voice. Have qr codes to scan at each plaque to hear more. 4. Have a number to call if lost in the park, post it at the trailhead. 5. Hire 1 attendant for weekdays stationed in information center to answer questions. 6. Do more stargazing events in the summer and seasonal events throughout the year, a birds of prey event or night owl prowls is done on parks in the city. Would be neat to have here.
339. It's been a while since I've visited but growing up, visiting elephant rocks and climbing around all over the rocks was always a highlight of my summer.
340. Please improve cell phone coverage for emergencies. And the EV charging station would be amazing! The one we use for traveling to our property in the area was out of commission last time.

- 341. It is a delightful place to visit. Increasing safety and accessibility is great!
- 342. Sometimes you need to get there very early to ensure a parking space. That has been challenging at times as I live closer to East Alton, IL than I do to South County in St. Louis.
- 343. Full restrooms would be great
- 344. The park doesn't need to try to go through more volume of visitors. In that regard, it is perfect how it is.
- 345. Water fountain
- 346. Increase parking and a little shop souvenirs and lunch
- 347. It's a beautiful peaceful place. Anything that keeps it cleaner, safe, and better for families is good. This way families have an affordable place to go and enjoy nature.
- 348. I wish there was camping.
- 349. No concession stand or souvenir shop. Please keep it a natural site, not a theme park
- 350. Food and better restrooms should be prioritized
- 351. Please do the minimum to update the braille trail, as in don't cut any boulders.
- 352. Please keep it's natural beauty
- 353. Additional trail signage to guide visitors to otherwise "missable" sections of the park like the engine house.
- 354. Keep it as natural as possible. Encourage people to climb rocks, allow bouldering in some areas with safety gear available so that people don't drag mattresses and other junk to site. Increase ADA to be able to see more especially up top.
- 355. I suggest more than 1 EV station
- 356. Updating the trail itself is important. Thank you for including that on the list. The current Braille trail and related signage is looking more and more worn out each year. It would be nice to have a place to get souvenir items, so I like that as well.
- 357. Leave it the way it is
- 358. Better restrooms and a small visitor center is much needed. The visitor shelter could also double as a storm shelter for visitors as well.
- 359. Worship god
- 360. LOVE this park
- 361. I love hiking and climbing among the rocks! Not sure the concession stand is needed since it's a day use area. Seems like people usually bring their own refreshments.
- 362. I like it the way it is
- 363. Definitely need more parking.
- 364. I love taking my family and my Girl Scouts troop to Elephant Rocks State Park. I also like that a lot of it is ADA compliant. I will be even happier with the site when you get the flush toilets added.
- 365. Rest area: Some rest area and sunshade facilities can be added in the park, such as more benches and gazebos by the hiking trails, so that visitors can have enough places to rest and avoid the sun during the tour.
- 366. Newer picnic tables
- 367. Leave it as natural as possible. Improvement should blend in.
- 368. Focus more on the beauty of nature and less on modern conveniences such as selling food and Wi-Fi.
- 369. I have visited this park and absolutely loved it. I am ok with the planned improvements and I hope they are implemented.
- 370. It need to grow, parking lot and interstate roads
- 371. Leave it as it is

372. Don't do anything that is going to have a negative effect on the park or its immediate surroundings. Don't do anything that's going to have big, long-term expenses. Invest in programs to help people experience and enjoy the park, not find ways to be on their phones AT the park.
373. With all the "improvements" don't destroy the park and then seek to recoup the money spent by charging people to visit a historical landmark like normally happens.
374. I really like the parking, accessibility, and infrastructure improvements and think those should be prioritized above the rest. The rest of them all sounds like great ideas but don't avoid doing the above items if you can't do everything!
375. I love knowing that bathroom improvements are in the works!!
376. Try to connect it to a longer trail network, so thru hikers can access.
377. Add a campground! Overlook tower or bridge structure
378. More picnic tables
379. Love it!
380. Love it
381. Leave it as natural as you can. Do not put up "safety" barriers.
382. Remove some vegetation so the boulders are easier to see. Several trees need to go.
383. All of these suggestions are great and will enhance the park. Parking is definitely an issue on busy weekends.
384. While I like the idea of Wi-Fi in the park, the park should also be used as a place to get away from cell phones and electronics. An amphitheater with educational programs would be amazing!!
385. Hwy 21 is not that busy to where you should spend money adding turning lanes... warning/flashing lights etc. been nuttiness and never had any issues getting in or out.
386. It is great the way it is. But a little extra parking would be nice. It is not a campground so an amphitheater and store is not needed.
387. Don't overdevelop.
388. Keep water runoff clear. Keep trash receptacles emptied.
389. Buildings should be in style with the year the park was established
390. Maybe improve the picnic sites with handicap accessible sites?
391. Please maintain the integrity of the natural landscape. So many great memories at Elephant Rocks!
392. Love the park
393. Please focus on improvements that improve accessibility for everyone over comfort. I would rather be able to enjoy them when I'm a broken old man than poo in a flush toilet now.
394. Love the park. Great ideas.
395. Maintaining the current trail should be a bigger priority. Not vanity projects like EV charging. Please use common sense with taxpayer money. The park as-is does not keep up with the single paved trail. Distractions like.. *checks notes* ... an amphitheater for the blind? Not what this park needs for serving working people and families.
396. Seems like the plans are unnecessarily overdeveloped
397. I love it in its natural state. This is the area of my forefathers.
398. Natural is best.
399. Lovely place. It's good to see improvements to keep it accessible for all.
400. I like the suggestions but worry about what times - not only of the year but hours of the day - the shop would be open?

401. I think they are all good ideas; some I would drop on the priority level or question whether the cost is worth it (the amphitheater is the main one)
402. Increased ADA accessibility
403. I'm hoping to keep the park more primitive. So many state parks become too commercial!
404. Keep it as natural as possible. So many places have lost their appeal from modernization.
405. Such a cool park!
406. The whole purpose of going to a place like this is 2 leave tech and electricity at home and be with nature. EV plug in concession stands take away from that leave the place just the way it is minus upkeep on what's already there.
407. Elephant Rocks is my favorite day park! More information on park history and granite mining.
408. People shouldn't be charging their cars here. And we don't need cheap food concessions creating trash for the area that will cost tax dollars.
409. Leave it as it is except updating restrooms.
410. Increased safety with climbing rock areas.
411. I feel like you could do more to the side towards the big lake. Possibly another trail.
412. Allow rock climbing anchors.
413. I've previously enjoyed the isolation and cleanliness of the park. I think that increased Wi-Fi and concessions would impact the enjoyment of the park.
414. Please try to not disrupt as much of Nature as possible as you make these changes.
415. My grandchildren love it there.
416. We visit every year. But cell phone service is awful... Should be an emergency phone box just in case...
417. We love this park even if it is rustic.
418. Expand and improve the parking area and bathroom facilities, but I suggest leaving everything else alone. If you widen/upgrade the trail, that could mean destroying trees, rocks, climbing areas.
419. Years ago it was possible to swim there. Can that be brought back or allowed again.
420. Elephant Rocks has been a family favorite since my youth and I have seen both degradation and improvements made over the years. One thing I would like to see returning is drinkable water returned back along the trail, which would be more ecofriendly than water bottles and also a convenience for all. A possible pavilion or covered area upon the rocks maybe a nice addition but I understand it may be frowned upon. Perhaps a covered pavilion with seating or pickup tables could be put half way around the trail somewhere so that wheelchair bound people and others could have a place to relax, refresh, picnic, and find shelter in case of bad weather...
421. Add a championship level pay to play disc golf course. \$5/ round or a year pass, with fees going to maintain the park as a whole.
422. I knew about the engine house but didn't realize the trail looped around. Excited to explore the rest of that trail and see the future trail
423. My dad helped put in the 1st trail at elephant rocks, we grew up behind the part and it means so much to our families
424. It's pretty perfect already.
425. Love Elephant Rocks! Maybe increase picnic tables throughout.
426. With this expansion will come waste products, I would love to see a plan outlining how to deal with that. With a food and beverages station, how will ensure the park is properly maintained and those who choose to litter are fined?

427. I do like 'concession stand' idea. How about more like a camp store with food?
428. I have loved this park since I was a child. It's magical to run around on the rocks.
429. Make it pet free.
430. Keep it simple and not overly man-made/touristy.
431. Make the trail longer.
432. It would be interesting to have a small museum about the history of Elephant Rocks. This could be a part of the concession stand or the amphitheater.
433. Get drinking fountains
434. I hope that the wireless connectivity is for staff purposes only. It would be a shame to see people hanging out at the park and playing on their phones instead.
435. A concession stand? You're going to preserve it by pulling in more and more tourists? Leave this place alone
436. It's an amazing park and these things will improve it! Parking lot is a big one and toilets. Instead of a built in concession stand, how about food trucks with something other than junk food! Coffee would be nice!
437. More trails would be great.
438. It would be nice to have a primitive campground. One where campsites don't sit next to each other.
439. Beautiful park. Our family tries to go every spring/summer and fall. Please keep it peaceful!
440. Sell hunting/fishing license for the MO Dept. of Conservation from the gift shop.
441. Very important park to our family.
442. Awesome place.
443. We love this park. I've been going since I was little, and my family now visit at least once or twice a year. For our purposes, the restrooms would be great. I'm hesitant about some of the other proposed changes due to impacts to native habitat and native plants. (Side note, please don't hurt or take out the persimmon trees near the playground and picnic tables.)
444. This is not an amusement park and I would assume the average timing visiting this park is lower than most parks. Concessions would just increase waste and litter. The park is a getaway, visits are short. Wi-Fi is unnecessary.
445. It is a wonderful park hope it stays that way
446. Do not change the existing nature to accommodate MORE people.
447. Small visitors center manned or on manned with signs and arrows to point where to go
448. The ones I marked as dislike I actually have no opinion on. I don't know how often the braille is used.
449. Just don't break anything cool
450. Camping area with electric and water hookups would be nice
451. I love the park as has many memories. To keep it as natural as possible is greatly appreciated. Even though we all like convenience keeping the natural scenery as much as possible is best.
452. I love the ADA accessibility of this park!
453. Make sure the trails are friendly for limited mobility persons.
454. I don't want to see it become another roadside attraction, and that's what gift shop and concessions is making me think of.
455. Has a charging station been repeatedly requested by a significant amount of visitors at this location? If larger surrounding parks have this I don't think it needed here. If someone else or a grant can pay for this service okay. Otherwise I do not think it is an

essential service. Let the vehicle owner go home to charge or to their overnight lodging to recharge. Does the charging station electrical usage become an operational expense for the park? Do you have any idea what the charge could be for the park on a monthly or yearly basis. Again I repeat- I don't see this as an essential service to state park visitors at this location.

- 456. The quarry itself has usually been full of water, which could be dangerous in long term situations.
- 457. Beautiful state park. Enjoyed my visit in April 2023 very much.
- 458. I think the park is wonderful, went as a kid and a few times as an adult
- 459. Gift shop and education center would be nice
- 460. Keep it simple. Would hate to see it commercialized.
- 461. Maintaining and stocking vending machines.
- 462. Better more defined trails and even more fun facts about the local wildlife and geography would be nice
- 463. I hope that these improvements are not taking away any natural area
- 464. It's great the way it is, I've never felt like it needed more.
- 465. Please leave as much of the natural formations in place and beautiful.
- 466. I don't think internet service is needed people need to enjoy the park. I would not be interested in any electronic kiosk or concert programs.
- 467. Benches along trails
- 468. We just visited the park, and I was saddened by the vandalism on the trail signs. I'd love to see the vandalism removed. We like to use the park for homeschool. Educational opportunities would be wonderful for the growing homeschool community.
- 469. We visited the first time a few weeks ago and we loved it. I was really impressed with the paved braille trail. The proposed improvements could make it even better.
- 470. My only concern about adding concessions is that over time, this will eventually restrict visitors from bringing their own food and beverage. It's like what we see with sporting complexes where they say no outside food and beverage and make it difficult for those who choose state parks for family vacations because they are a low cost option. I'm concerned concessions at Elephant Rocks may eventually be seen as a critical source for park funding. If this does not happen, then I would be in favor of concessions.
- 471. I like seeing on the map that there's going to be a new future woodlands Trail, and happy to see positive developments being made.
- 472. Fix or take out the water fountains and add some nice benches throughout the park.
- 473. Bike trail.
- 474. Would love to see a camp ground installed.
- 475. I'd hate to see it get too commercial. Concessions would be nice only if they actually bring money into the park.
- 476. The State park there is underdeveloped, which is probably great for the local population. I believe the geology and history is unique enough to draw bigger crowds to share our unique heritage with. The existing infrastructure accommodates day trippers, not folks on longer journeys through our state. That part of the state could stand a little beefing up of its state park.
- 477. Enhance/accommodate bouldering opportunities.
- 478. I suggested 'dislike' on the concession stand idea in fear of increased trash and single use plastics in the park.
- 479. Keep it as natural as possible while accommodating the handicap.

480. People are coming because they are hearing about it. It is a wonderful NATURAL phenomenon. Please keep as much of this and the setting (within reason) as possible.
481. Such a great place! We were there this summer and didn't experience any overcrowding or traffic problems. Flush toilets and Visitor Center would be wonderful!
482. I still want it to feel rural- not too comfy. It's nice to not be tempted by phones while there... that adds so much to the atmosphere and tranquility.
483. My family and I have visited since before it was designated a State Park. ❤️❤️❤️
484. Some RV campsites would be nice.
485. Please keep it as natural as possible.
486. Keep it simple and maintain focus on the geology.
487. ADA is a must. If I could get around easily on a scooter I'd be there much more.
488. Any additions are great but the site lines of the park are an important draw to keep in mind when doing them.
489. Keep it as natural as possible.
490. Leave it alone for the most part.
491. With added flush restrooms please consider a family restroom with enough space to help an adult change when needed.
492. I like how it already is now, there's no reason to make it tourist-ey. We need to preserve the natural beauty and quiet as it is.
493. Beautiful park! Our family of 6 went for the first time this past summer. We were looking forward to the food truck when we were done, but it had already left. That was really the only disappointment.
494. Love this park! We live 30 minutes away and go often. The improvements will be nice, but I hope it doesn't shut down the park.
495. Do NOT do EV charging. It's a waste of money and space. Target has them and they sit empty for weeks if not months. I've never seen anyone there and EV people stay in the city. They are NOT your target audience.
496. Improving the restrooms is most important.
497. More parking for peak days.
498. The concession stand is a good idea but I worry about increased trash among the trails. If parking is expanded are trees going to be cut to make room? If so, I'm against that.
499. I've been separated from my family here and it was truly scary when I could not reach them because of lack of cell service. New bathrooms would be amazing! I would buy items from a gift shop, too.
500. It's one of my favorite nearby walking paths.
501. I think having information about some of the visitors from years past would be neat. Would love to know more about the explorers who carved their names so many years ago.
502. All of the suggested improvements sound great, as long as they don't negatively impact the natural beauty of the Elephant Rocks.
503. Keep it as undeveloped as possible.
504. Upgrade this the parks infrastructure to make it look more natural.
505. Try to keep it as natural as possible with the improvements.
506. I didn't think it needs more of much. I have always liked the "in the middle of nowhere undeveloped" feel to the park.
507. Keep our nature spots just that natural.
508. Keep it as natural as possible, this is a place people can enjoy nature, no need to make it too fancy.

509. The Braille Trail is in disrepair.
510. The concession stand is not my favorite idea, but I understand that some people forget to bring water or snacks. I admit it may be a way to increase revenue a small bit also.
511. It is a very unique place and I really hate to see it change much. We really enjoyed our visit there. Concession stands bring trash that could take away from the natural beauty.
512. Keep the simplicity of the park, the main attraction should be the rocks not whatever you've added around them.
513. Update signs.
514. Please keep the integrity of the park. Some changes will be welcome but please don't kill the history and fun of hiking with those changes.
515. It is a beautiful place, let's keep it as natural as possible. All of the upgrades seem nice.
516. Put in a bar. Jk
517. Really love that you can push a stroller or wheelchair around the park, any enhancements to the sidewalks would be awesome.
518. Enhancing traffic and parking are the most important improvements for Elephant Rocks. ADA improvements are next most important to ensure everyone can enjoy the park.
519. Leave it as nature made it! Too many changes to this park already!
520. It's a wonderful day trip from STL City and a lovely site! My only caution would be: ensure there are more trash facilities and dog waste bag dispensers to meet increased demand. It's an attraction, but it's also a lovely nature walk which should be the highlight.
521. Beautiful park would like it to continue to be maintained.
522. I feel like there needs to be more security of some sort. The service is a great start, I'm not sure what else can be done.
523. You must keep the character of the park! Everything sounds great but keeping the character is the most important!!!
524. Other than improving sidewalks leave it alone as a whole. FUN place for kids to explore as it is.
525. Increased parking is a must, and possibly a "shelter" of sorts with picnic tables. It would be nice to have a picnic after walking the trail and escape the elements.
526. Absolutely love this place, and I wouldn't want to see it become too "cut and dried", as in not allowing people to go off trail to explore between the rocks, and different vantage points. I also understand the need to keep not only visitors, but the park itself, safe.
527. Please avoid expanding parking to the point of overrunning the park; more motorcycle and RV parking would be OK. I don't understand why swimming cannot be allowed. I get the cliff jumping liability. But Parks like the Shut-ins manage that. I love this park! Have visited as a child, a teenager, as a parent and grandparent! But your suggested improvements are all necessary.
528. More trails.
529. Maybe cabins for overnight stays.
530. Don't commercialize it too much. Keep it natural but assessable. Thank you.
531. Love this park. Answered some questions reluctantly as I did not know the impact on the park geography. Goal is to keep the natural features intact.
532. I like the expansion plans as it will help make it a destination verse a side stop.
533. Money doesn't grow on trees so I tried to accommodate that into my answers.
534. Purchase a small parcel of land for camping closer to the park and make them full service.
535. it is a beautiful park as it is now.
536. Any improvements to increase accessibility is welcome.

537. Are EV charging stations a priority? They sound like a good idea on paper, but is there research to back that people will use them?
538. Can the concessions hire the ladies who are already working in the parking lot selling snow cones? I worry about them!
539. More water fountains or refillable water bottle stations.
540. My family really enjoyed walking and climbing the trails! It is such an asset to our state. Having a friend that is wheelchair bound, it excites me to see that there may be wheelchair accessible trails!
541. Cell reception drops before finding the park and Google maps will lead you to the wrong place often.
542. Expand parking for campers and easy access to park. Sufficient turning radius to large vehicles and tow.
543. Bathroom and handicapped/ trail upgrades are a must!
544. Better railing along the path. Every time we take kids it's scary. Maybe a sign somewhere at the beginning warning about drop-offs or where they are on the trail so parents can be prepared. If the food truck continues to come, concessions aren't necessary.
545. Signs need to be put up and regulations enforced regarding no cannabis use on state park property.
546. EV Charging stations are too costly.
547. Wheel chair accessible paths.
548. Please leave as natural as possible.
549. Keep the technology and electronics out of parks.
550. I like idea of electric vehicle charging stations. There's a problem with them and that is people. People will vandalize them. People will park vehicles on the way to block them. People will unplug vehicles that are charging, because they don't like electric vehicles or they think it's funny. You would to install cameras and have a way for people using the charging stations to call, issue a complaint and get results to those complaints. You would also have to impose fines for those offenses listed above.
551. In order to keep the parks natural beauty and structure, I feel like making minimal changes is important.
552. Keep it little but updated.
553. No. It is a beautiful park and it would be nice to see as many people as possible (even the disabled) be able to enjoy it!
554. Excited about improvements & better access.
555. Bathroom on the trail
556. Sounds mostly good. Don't overdo it though. No need for an amphitheater; most people won't sit for a show or a talk... just let them enjoy the park.
557. Maybe better signs to describe the path distance and include mile markers along the way.
558. Please preserve the natural beauty of the park.
559. I like the idea of expanding the services so more people can visit the park comfortable. However, a high priority must be made to protect the natural environment
560. Signal for phones definitely needs improved upon for safety calls.
561. Gift Shop. Educational plaques and pictures of granite installed at Anheuser Busch, St Louis House and the Governor's Mansion. Scientific information about how granite is formed and a look inside the granite.
562. Great park but needs expanded parking for sure!
563. Please keep the focus on preserving the ecosystem, not satisfying people. People have everywhere, let's keep this small space special and protected.

564. Do not over develop it. The beauty of the natural parks is to keep it as close to the way it is as possible without a lot of buildings and clearing more trees.
565. Keep it natural!
566. Camping would be really nice.
567. Security to prevent graffiti spray paint
568. I love Elephant Rock and can't wait to take my girls one day.
569. Please try to preserve and protect.
570. Too much change is not good. It's outdoors not a 5 star hotel.
571. Love the ideas proposed. I would like to expand on the play area to include areas for smaller children in addition to handicap children. I would also like to see a little more seating opportunity around the trail.
572. I would hope the improvements would not compromise and commercialize the natural beauty of the area. The rustic nature of the park is part of its appeal.
573. Do not turn it into a yuppie park overrun with electronics and other things that are not necessary TO ENJOY NATURE
574. I like the food trucks on weekends / holidays. Is it worth building a permanent structure for probably less than 200 days a year. Vending is fine by restrooms in off peak time. Why tear down wooded area for an Amphitheater. Put in day use area or not at all. Again these are rarely used in parks county and state.
575. Leave it how it is.
576. Get rid of the pit bathrooms. They are unsafe for children and very unsanitary.
577. Leave it be!
578. Do not take away from the natural beauty.
579. Love this unique park and I'm happy to see it getting attention.
580. These upgrades look nice.
581. Do not change much, keep it natural. It does not need to be over over-commercialized.
582. Please do not change the infrastructure of the park. The only thing that I feel that needs to be improved on is ADA, so that everyone can enjoy the park.
583. I hope that these proposed improvements can occur with minimal impact on the surrounding ecosystems.
584. To expand and update the playground, picnic tables, and grill stations.
585. Keep the trail and natural area as close to natural as possible. Don't turn it into a tourist trap feel.
586. Stay away from anything that distracts from the natural beauty and nature in general. Don't need more kiosks, what you've got may need to be renewed, but the necessary info is there and quite honestly, people have internet at the fingertips, they can research more if they are interested. Keep concessions out.
587. A great park, and the stated improvement ideas are wonderful!
588. This is one of my favorite spots on earth! Please keep it as beautiful, primitive and natural as possible adds to its charm. I love picnics there and watching others do old fashioned picnics as well.
589. Leave human interference out. Wildlife is highly sensitive to the slightest change. Maintenance, wires, frequencies etc. Just stop interfering. Seriously leave it alone.
590. More sitting areas or a bigger area for birthday parties/events.
591. With expansion of the parking lot, there needs to be parking for trailers also - pull-through spots for people pulling campers, boats, etc., since this is a long way from nowhere! :)
592. It would be really great if there was some kind of park ranger lead tour.

593. There are many places in the park that don't accommodate strollers for young kids and babies. I'd like to see that updated and made possible.
594. Keep it simple, but accommodate ADA.
595. Great park.
596. I think a second restroom/pit stop/rest area near marker #10 on the map provided in the last page. So maybe somewhere halfway around the track a restroom with a water bottle refill station and benches. Benches periodically around the walking track especially around the quarry area overlooking the water would be awesome. Definitely more parking! Maybe some picnic tables periodically around the track for lunch breaks.
597. Swimming and camping would be an awesome idea.
598. Keep it natural and historic. That's what is so amazing. Doesn't have to be modern but having things changed for emergencies and emergency personnel is important. A better playground for the children would be nice.
599. I worry about the safety of my kid on the rocks.
600. Work in some mountain bike trails.
601. I love this place! Doing too much could ruin the beauty.
602. Expanding back areas of the park for ease of accessibility.
603. More than one EV charging station, 3. Expand picnic area in shady areas.
604. Balance improvements with natural state. Improvements are fine, but don't take away from nature by excessively widening trails into rock features or putting a Wi-Fi tower in a high - vis location.
605. More benches along pathway and turn the water fountains back on along the pathway
606. EV charging station would be huge for visitors from long distances like St. Louis!
607. I'm a little skeptical the soil at 12 is sufficient for too much in the way of wastewater treatment but I hope I'm wrong! Uh, please consult with a soil scientist before committing?
608. A reason to visit is the lack of connectivity. It's a way to escape technology. Parking expansion would be beneficial as well as concessions, which would also help fund for future improvements.
609. I love the idea of an amphitheater but will there be any interpretive staff to provide programs?
610. Love this place, please keep the spirit of it but would love to see more ADA accommodations.
611. I have been going there for more than 70ty years, and it is such a neat park.
612. It would be really cool for there to be a trail that kids can ride bikes on.
613. Love going here and am excited for improvements.
614. The bathrooms need sinks.
615. No, just happy improvements are coming.
616. Enjoy this park, it does seem like it needs some updates. I have been there twice, it seems a little outdated.
617. I enjoyed the food trucks while there and would rather see that stay vs a permanent structure.
618. If you don't in a concession stand, then please manage trash well and don't allow concessions on the trail. Designate an area only for concessions. I personally dislike the idea of having a concession stand. Restrooms should have a good set up for wash hands and not touching a door handle to exit keeping safety a priority as well.
619. 50/50 on expanding wireless access for public safety etc ...

620. Most of my dislike answers are more of a neutral feeling about the option. I don't feel the shop and concessions are needed though. I have been going to Elephant Rock since the late 80's as a child, the more you can keep original, the better.
621. Leave it alone.
622. This is such a great park, it would be fantastic to see it with more modern infrastructure. I'd proudly support elephant rocks merch. Please make some of it funny. It would sell like hot cakes!
623. Minimize environmental impact with in depth assessments and surveys, especially regarding waste runoff, pollution, and wild-life impact.
624. I've been about 15 times over the years. It's always beautiful. I think it's definitely time for flush toilets. No one loves the old generic pits. They won't be missed. The concession area is a great idea too! All the proposed improvements sound great.
625. This is my favorite park to date!!!
626. Please add data so I can play Pokemon go there!! There could be so many poke stops!
627. I like the park the way it is.
628. One of my favorites for walking.
629. Leave as much of the beauty and the rocks intact.
630. Purchase some adjacent land and make walk in camp sites. The current gate is very reminiscent of a prison. It would be nice if it were friendlier. Offer some overnight hours for night sky viewing.
631. Change as little as possible while modernizing.
632. I go walking at elephant rock a few times a week since it's so close to my home. I'd love to see more trails clearly marked through the park!
633. I would like flush restrooms be added. I really dislike adding a concession stand. Packing a picnic lunch is part of the appeal. I have mixed feelings about parking, could definitely use more parking on weekends but more people in the park takes away from the natural areas. I love the park and visit often thru the week.
634. Have great memories of visiting as a child. Please don't commercialize it with cheap imported junk. A shop is not consistent with the mission. Remove invasive plants and regenerate native ecosystems instead. Keep it wild as possible.
635. My family loves it.
636. No larger footprint for maintenance junk. Put it out of park!
637. Keep the park in a more natural state.
638. It is a beautiful area.
639. Have concerts at an amphitheater play off a Midwest red rock type venue.
640. I love Elephant rocks for the seclusion. The hikes are amazing and peaceful. Definitely make it more ADA accessible.
641. This is a wonderful park, so glad it is being improved for the future.
642. This is a great park and it deserves to be maintained and updated as features become worn and damages. Thank you for giving this park a face lift.
643. Great place that just needs to be updated.
644. Elephant Rocks State Park is my favorite state park that I've visited. Every fall for 7 years my parents and I visited the park and each visit was magical.
645. If you put in an EV charging station for the less than 5% of the visitors, then put in a filling station for the 95% of the visitors. I don't think DNR should be in the business of selling any type of energy for private vehicles. Leave, that to private companies.

646. Beautiful park. This is a major site for visitors to Missouri to know about. Extend marketing efforts for this beautiful place. I loved it as a child in the 1960's and I shared it with my kids in the 80's and 90's. Keep it going for my grandchildren!
647. I especially love the flushing toilet idea and the merchandise/snack idea.
648. Love this park and the opportunities you are researching for future advancement.
649. Don't go too far with the development. One of the park's charms is the lack of commercialization.
650. Limit occupancy to avoid overcrowding and damage to wilderness area.
651. No improvements that change or alternate the natural rock formations.
652. Safety warnings and maps/directions.
653. Is it possible to have more trails?
654. Try and keep as much Park as possible.
655. They all sound great.
656. Try to keep signage at a minimum. Try NOT to commercialize the area. Keep it free.
657. I appreciate improvements but I don't want the park to lose any semblance of its own natural beauty adding too many structures or developments.
658. Love that your addressing ADA accessibility.
659. Love this place. All aspects of survey are warranted.
660. It would be nice to have more parking since the Park is visited by so many people.
661. Try to keep as close as is now as much as possible. Families love walking through the woods jumping and climbing on rocks. Improvements on trails would be nice for those who need it, but try to leave of trail areas as is.
662. Woke be nice to have more guided trails along with caution signs for areas smaller children should not venture forward to.
663. Dislike WWTP right along highway frontage...would take away from aesthetics and historic feel along scenic by way. Love the idea of food; always wish there was a sandwich / wrap vendor. Would be nice to tie to local community if possible and or include references to other sites and communities nearby.
664. I think there should be bathrooms on back side of trail and water fountains.
665. These improvements look awesome. I love this park and can't wait to see it expand.
666. Add campsites.
667. Primitive camp sites on the back side of the park.
668. I the natural beauty of this park. I have been going my whole life and would love to see it stay as natural as can be. No tic toks and people on their phones not paying attention
669. Enjoy the park without a ton of traffic and people. Increasing traffic will reduce the natural feel and outdoor beauty that I'm able to enjoy today.
670. Want to continue to preserve the area.
671. Please be extremely careful to preserve the wilderness of this park. I understand wanting to make things more accessible, but it oftentimes sterilizes the experience for everyone else and leaves a truly unique park feeling very vanilla. Elephant rocks is one of those places that the thrill of the park is the unpredictability of the environment, including the trail surfaces. Expanding the trails in many areas would require altering the landscape and those big ol' boulders are truly something special.
672. More playground equipment and maybe a photo-op sign or statue of an elephant or something cute for kids to have their picture taken by when visiting.
673. More or better map signage.
674. Continue to support RC hobbyists as we pick up peoples trash.
675. Leave it as is.

676. Honestly much of the suggested improvements I'm not a giant fan of. Every man made anything takes away from the experience and defeats preserving the area. I almost voted no on everything except better traffic management by making changes to the road. Need to stop trying to cater to uptight entitled urban tourists and instead make them experience nature's wonders as close to how nature made them as possible. Every conservation site I've visited there is always examples of humans ruining things. Thankfully elephant rock is near impossible to ruin. I like others I associate with (Missouri Scalers for example) put efforts in to help keep the park clean. Making things more accessible means more people, which equals more trash and more damage.
677. I like it the way it is. But improvements might encourage more visitors.
678. At some point you lose sight of nature. Not everything needs to be paved.
679. Make those changes to make it accessible to everyone. Invite food trucks maybe.
680. I am in the mindset of leaving areas as natural as possible so that is what is enjoyed more than worrying about what extra things are at park areas but I also have understanding that upgrades do need to be made to accommodate all types of visitors and make people more comfortable and safe.
681. Add a campground.
682. It is a great area to explore with shorter hikes. Except for making things accessible, less is better.
683. It's a beautiful park. Improved toilet facilities would definitely be nice.
684. -More Park Ranger presence/visibility. - Better/More frequent service of the non-flush bathrooms. Use Lime more often. They are consistently foul smelling... Terrible facilities for a State Park and their visitors.
685. Put more stuff in the playground.
686. Make sure Trails are well marked.
687. Keep it the same it's a great park as is.
688. The simple enjoyment of the Rocks and keeping the trails and setting as low-tech and natural as possible are important.
689. Open bathrooms all seasons.
690. Elephant Rocks is my favorite state park. More parking is definitely needed to accommodate visitors when the weather is nice.
691. Leave it alone.
692. I love the idea of improvements for accessibility but I hope it doesn't interfere with the forestry and natural scenery of Elephant Rocks.
693. Camping area so people can stay at elephant rocks overnight.
694. I think the park should explain more about granite and the local rock types and formation of topography.
695. Just one of my favorite state parks.
696. We did a day trip there this summer and had a great time. My son's had a great time. My youngest is pitching ideas to get his scout troop to do a day trip there.
697. Don't mess with it. It's perfect as is.
698. Stop people from visiting.
699. Keep it simple and rustic. If enhanced safety is needed for phoning for help, put in a landline emergency device. No need for fancy flushies, snackbars, etc.
700. More trails.
701. Bigger rocks and make one shaped like an elephant. But it's pretty great how it is too
702. The park is beautiful; please provide more information on local wildlife and foliage with caution information for potential poison plants.

- 703. Any upgrades should NOT distract from the natural. Beauty and uniqueness of the park but allow for ALL individuals regardless of physical abilities to enjoy.
- 704. As long as you don't change the integrity of the park itself, I like the proposals.
- 705. Purchase more adjoining land for the purposes of overnight camping.
- 706. Love bringing my kids back to my childhood favorites.
- 707. Wonderful place to enjoy with friends and family.
- 708. Love it.
- 709. While I agree with ADA access, will it damage any granite, ground within the park?
- 710. More food truck events and concessions.
- 711. Thank you for your work :)
- 712. Do not make it too modern or built up or else it will take away from its natural beauty.
- 713. Keep it as natural looking as possible.
- 714. It needs to offer water fountains on the trail or an option to fill a water bottle.
- 715. This is an amazing park that allows all able-bodied guests to explore. We love climbing the rocks and exploring the train ruins. We visit every summer and always have a blast with ages 7-37.
- 716. Just keep the Rocks pristine.
- 717. It's a beautiful place as is. Leave it mostly alone.
- 718. Leave it the hell alone and stop wasting tax payers \$\$.
- 719. I think this is already a great park, but these improvements will enhance it.
- 720. No concession stands or EV charging.
- 721. LOVE the idea about increasing connectivity. It is terrifying to not have service in case of emergencies there.
- 722. Fantastic place and upgrades would make it better.
- 723. I think it would be great if there was an area for RC rock crawlers to enjoy the park. They don't tear up anything and we just love the outdoors. Elephant rocks has some really unique terrain for these crawlers. Not full size, but remote control.
- 724. Provide more benches and trash cans along trail.
- 725. More restrooms needed.
- 726. A cell tower would be a fantastic idea! It would also be nice to have a small concession stand to bring income for the area.
- 727. Leave it as natural as possible do not over develop.
- 728. We love visiting this park! Look forward to these improvements.
- 729. Food in park will lead to unwanted litter. Avoid.
- 730. Picnic tables.
- 731. Update railing across park and seating on trails.
- 732. New all accessible playground.
- 733. We love elephant rocks and have cell service for safety in the future is very reassuring.
- 734. Some nature trails would be nice.
- 735. Great Park.
- 736. Fix the signage that used to have information on it and is now unreadable.
- 737. Tread gently.
- 738. My only comment is that my family and I love this park!!! It's absolutely beautiful!!! We also loved when we got the opportunity to see the eclipse when they kept it open a year or two ago! It was such an amazing experience as a family!!!
- 739. I love this park.
- 740. Keep it simple.
- 741. One of the best in Missouri.

742. Have loved elephant rocks since before it was a state park!!!
743. Elephant Rocks SP is terrific. Yes to better access. I have nothing against EVs but there aren't many of them yet.
744. Don't make it a theme park, it's a hidden gem. Keep it natural.
745. Elephant Rocks is close to business that can cover the concession stand part. We need the traffic.
746. Please leave the park as natural as possible. As little signage, or manmade crap to read, or buy. Don't change the reason it's popular.
747. Keep soap dispenser full and working.
748. Please keep it originally. Don't make it into a theme park.
749. No bathrooms was my only complaint while visiting, great park and I love to see the intentions to make it more ADA friendly!
750. Keep the current camping facilities as they are.
751. Improving is great but please, please keep the integrity of the park
752. Better parking
753. No EV, waste of money. Leave park as much as possible as it is. Too many improvements will ruin it
754. We love Elephant Rocks State Park!
755. I love this park and hope you keep nature as a top priority.
756. Many of the prospective improvements are much needed.
757. It's my favorite park.
758. I think it's overdue for an update. glad to hear someone is looking into it.
759. It has been years since I was there, but hopefully there is good signage explaining the geologic processes which developed the site.
760. Love this park.
761. Should put in a zip line.
762. I'm all for making it ADA accessible so all can enjoy it to the fullest. I think other improvements are unnecessary for a place designed to enjoy it's ruggedness. I've been to Elephant Rock when it was busy and have never experienced a traffic jam either getting into the park or while parking at the park.
763. I would like to see more playground equipment. I would also like to see a trail that connects the existing trail over to the original site entrance.
764. I go there to take advantage of the rocks with a group of RC crawlers and would like to see us be able to continue to use the park for that as we care about the park so we can use it for years to come.
765. Keep as is.
766. It would be great to have flushing restrooms and a gift shop here!
767. Please do not commercial this area. It is great being more secluded and rustic just the way it is.
768. Beautiful place. Conserve its natural state.
769. I think adding a gift shop with the food stand would bring in more revenue for the park.
770. Have a Park Ranger on site during operation hours.
771. Maybe a bigger playground as well for kids. Camping areas?
772. The park needs very little change to continue the use and appreciation of the main feature - the rocks!
773. It's one of my favorite parks.
774. Adding new tech stuff will take away from the beauty of the park.

775. Yes! Make the upper rock area accessible by wheel chair. That is the center of the whole park, and I'm sure people with disabilities would enjoy finally seeing the rocks for which the park is named.
776. Increased parking would be nice but not where it would go. Love the park and enjoy visiting.
777. Keep it the way that it is with minor upgrades that won't take away from the natural beauty of the park.
778. Water sprinklers throughout to cool off on hot days.
779. Do not make any changes, forever.
780. Unique park, improvements needed.
781. More comfortable seating around the park would be nice to just be able to sit and enjoy the feel of the natural habitat there.
782. As long as you maintain the natural wonder of the park along with the improvements.
783. For the most part, it is pretty good the way it is. Do not put in too much pavement, leave it more as a place to climb and explore!
784. Elephant Rocks is an extremely special place for me. I spent many summers visiting with my late grandparents, and I also got engaged on top of rocks overlooking the hills. I think accommodating the parking lot for bigger crowds would take away some of the parks appeal. Increasing parking does not give you more room on the trail or in the rocks. I feel like attracting bigger crowds would make the park itself less desirable in the sense that it would be harder to be immersed in the area's beauty if it were to get overcrowded. I realize increased parking availability does not necessarily mean more bodies on the trail at once, but I would be very sad to have such a special place become overcrowded and touristy.
785. Elephant Rocks is my favorite Missouri state park. We visit 3 or 4 times a year as a group to go hiking.
786. We need more places to get away, and paved walking trails are LAME and expensive. I'd love a more rugged back country experience with opportunity to backpack and camp with no RVs and no fire pits, and no electrical. Not enough options like that in our state park systems. If folks wanna walk on concrete go walk downtown somewhere.
787. Love it and love all the proposed improvements!
788. Minimal improvements only needed.
789. Not that I can think of. Like most of the new ideas you propose and love visiting there.
790. Leave as is. It is beautiful.
791. Love the park. Wish it had better marked "off path" trails. Would love all season bathroom access, flushable.
792. Keep it as natural as it can be don't put in concession stands! It's nature! Don't make it a sporting event!
793. I have checked all the improvements i think will benefit the park.
794. Increase climbing opportunities with better signage and more access via short rock piles at various spots to allow ingress egress to more boulder tops.
795. I love the fact that the park and parking are free! I would hope it stays that way.
796. Visited there 55 years ago.
797. In particular the wireless access and concessions would be helpful as it is tough to use GPS on the way out to figure out which way to go and nearby restaurants are not really available,
798. Amazing park as is but love the proposed improvements; especially the restroom and accessibility proposals.

799. I understand the need to upgrade but I think the park should stay as natural as possible.
800. I've been going to Elephant Rocks since the 60s and was at the dedication of the braille trail. It would be nice to see it upgraded.
801. Please do this! It's a beautiful park. Modernize it!
802. I would love to see more development of the trail around the rocks.
803. Elephant rock is beautiful and should be shared with more visitors.
804. ADA accommodations on the trail would be great!!! Such a nice park!!!
805. Flushing toilets would be great.
806. All good upgrade suggestions.
807. Concession area means more trash.
808. More parking and would love more picnic tables/pavilion.
809. A big mining rig in the back that looks historically accurate. Or vintage rock mining equipment staged to appear to be at work, plaques on granite to describe the equipment and its purpose. Plaques honoring miners who lost their lives in the local quarries. Sell granite chunks with engravings of the sponsors and fallen minors names on them leading to equipment. Maybe interactive mining equipment so kids can work controls safely and see vintage mining equipment in operation.
810. It would be great to have a designated space for camping and/or places for overnight parking. So many people come to visit this park and drive long distances.
811. Keep it natural and affordable, but I like making it accessible to people with disabilities.
812. I have been visiting Elephant Rocks for the past 60 years and I still visit. I was there last week I love this Park!
813. It is nice to keep a little more ruggedness of this area, so updating for ADA is good without extras like an amphitheater or concessions. More modern amenities will attract visitors who may not respect the nature of the park. It is not good to see defacement of natural wonders.
814. Love this park. Bathrooms should stay the same bc someone will clog it.
815. We like the low-key style, lack of over developed interpretive stops.
816. If adding EV charging, would this be at state expense? I would prefer this to not be in taxpayer dollars.
817. Glad to see any improvement that will promote greater accessibility.
818. I'm all for ADA and traffic improvements so long as the integrity of the park isn't compromised.
819. Beautiful.
820. It's beautiful.
821. This is a complex juggling act between accessibility and overuse. I am largely against changes to the park itself.
822. It's really great just the way it is.
823. Please don't change this nature based area into a tourist attraction with merch and food. I love how quiet and "away" it is.
824. My family loved it!
825. I grew up at Elephant Rocks so anything that can allow more people to experience this great park is awesome. I really love all of the proposed improvements. People parking on the highway could one day prove fatal so anything that can be done to improve safety is a must! Lastly, for some reason, electric vehicles have become a polarizing topic. Please do not let anyone dissuade you from adding EV charging stations. This will allow even more people to attend the park and thus increase commerce for the area.

826. Leave as natural as possible. Do not destroy/change nature to accommodate more people.
827. Keep some picnic areas tucked in the woods. It's a great feature!
828. Proposal 3) I'm neutral overall on parking increases. More parking would make life easier and I'm sure I haven't witnessed the chaos of peak visitation times. But it seems silly to give up land for over-sized vehicle parking. I'm picturing towed trailers and large RVs, especially. Proposal 9) Also neutral on concessions. I'm not the target audience and I don't think it would impact my experience if it gets built or not. Everything else sounds pretty smart! I'm very grateful to see proposal 10. Elephant Rocks Braille Trail is one of the most "in-nature" trails we've been able to get my mom through on her power wheelchair. It's been a few years, I remember a few spicy spots around the split, southeastern section of the trail that were a little challenging for her to navigate.
829. Perhaps an update to the picnic area.
830. Beautiful Park that needs to accommodate a whole bunch more people than it can currently handle. I understand the need for Internet for safety but I don't like the idea of people playing on phones instead of enjoying the outdoors. I also don't want a bunch of concession trash all over.
831. Leave it alone please.
832. Ensure that the changes to the trail do not significantly diminish the natural, tree-lined feel of the park.
833. Have more learning events for groups...perhaps geologists or other experts giving lectures.
834. It's a beautiful place and I would love to see it kept as natural as possible.
835. I love Elephant rock State Park. We've spent many hours there hiking and exploring. My kids from Tennessee enjoy it when they come to visit. It's one of our stops. I think the proposed ideas are wonderful addition to the park.
836. Please leave the park as rustic as possible. It's great in its natural state.
837. I think the amphitheater/ shelter construction could be a useful idea IF it does not mean demolishing the playground.
838. Offer historic data in light of a "young earth" rather than billions of years... or at least indicate possibilities from a biblical perspective.
839. Water would be great! I fell in the poison ivy and didn't have a way to wash up.
840. Add AED machine. Add playground. Add more benches along the whole trail to provide resting places.
841. It's pretty great.
842. It's been awhile since I've been here. Always enjoyed the site, so hopefully the updates won't take away from the natural beauty.
843. Keep the nature part alone as much as possible. People come to hike and enjoy nature. Also, more trash can. Too much trash tossed around.
844. Have a campground nearby for visitors.
845. Love it.
846. The parking lot often overflows. The parking lot needs to be increased in size or have a nearby overflow lot.
847. Better signs along the trail.
848. Excellent suggestions, tax dollars to great use.
849. Incorporate a playground structure nearby.
850. We love the park!
851. Camper parking.

852. It's such an interesting and unique place in this beautiful state. To think these formations were created by nature still boggles my mind.
853. Make swimming allowed in front quarry again.
854. Keep waste bags in stock! The last few times I was there, there were no waste bags to pick up after dogs.
855. Keep upgrades simple in order to preserve as much of the small park feeling as possible.
856. Please update the kids playground. The bathrooms are an absolute must update! More lighting along the trails as well.
857. Love the park!
858. Add small pavilions with tables.
859. Increase parking capacity to allow for vehicles with campers. Many people would like to stop here on the way to another side, but parking does not make that easy.
860. The whole point of a park is to connect with nature. You don't need asphalt everywhere. Get out and walk. No need to put in Wi-Fi. This is a location of disconnect from electricity. A park not an amusement park. There should not be kiosks or shops. Nature is beautiful, quit trying to give it a humanized makeover.
861. please keep damage to forestry minimal.
862. Camping?
863. Great park - kids love it! Willing to drive all the way from Joplin, MO to visit.
864. If there is a concession area, will picnic areas be expanded?
865. Need to increase the playground. This park is used often and the playground is substandard for the amount of traffic through here.
866. Have I enjoyed going since being a kid and I bring my own children since they were a young age for about 10 years now.
867. Don't want to see it as turned into a "Meramec Caverns" situation, where it's too people accommodating and lose the nature feel. You still want to feel like you're in the woods, not a glorified overly paved Nature Trail
868. Have always enjoyed the park though we have not been there for 3 years
869. More benches to be able to sit on if we need a break or want to admire the woods
870. There's people sleeping on the benches inside the park on the trails. If you have nicer bathrooms there will be more to use just the bathrooms
871. Most of these ideas are great. The two last on my list would be the concessions and the EV station. They might be a "nice to have" but not needed.
872. Preserve the beauty and integrity of the park.
873. More for the kids to do.
874. I would love for the adjustments to impact the surrounding nature as little as possible.
875. I would like to see clear signage about the length of the trail before you start to allow visitors to make decisions based on that.
876. As a first responder that covers this park, a dedicated helicopter landing zone would be excellent. We respond to numerous rescue calls throughout the year at this park, some of which require the patient to be transported my medical helicopter to the hospital. Currently we have to shut down the highway or parking lot to accommodate the helicopter. Having a dedicated landing area away from populated areas of the park will make this a safer operation as well as provide access to the surrounding area to have a dedicated landing zone.
877. Keep it as natural as possible. Don't turn it into a tourist trap.
878. Love Elephant Rocks been visiting since the 70's.

879. Love this park. Been going since I was a kid. I don't think it needs too much technology. I think it's should retain as much nature as possible. Perfect place to take a picnic lunch.
880. Having a spot to advertise places to stay nearby would be nice for visitors and nearby hosts.
881. This is a really unique park and I would love for yall to really embrace it! The accessibility with the Braille trail and the gorgeous rocks and scenery are really cool. A bummer with the braille being worn off.
882. My family and I love this park!!
883. No.
884. I think all of the improvements are necessary with the exception of an EV charging station.
885. We love going to Elephant Rocks!
886. Keep park in its natural state as much as possible.
887. It would be nice to be able to swim at Elephant Rocks again.
888. Install picnic pavilions for group gatherings.
889. BRING PARK MERCH! We drive 1.5 hours twice a year (spring & fall) and would love a sweatshirt with the year! If you do please consider adding kids sizes too! ♥
890. I love that area! Thank you for considering improving it.
891. I will be so happy to see some contemporary exhibits talking about Missouri geology. That old gazebo is so awful and decrepit. You need better signage for the full loop of the Engine House Trail. There are so many social trails I've gotten turned around and never got around the quarry. It is my favorite part of the park.
892. Leave as natural as possible.
893. Native plant information and school meet up.
894. I have pictures of my children, myself, my Mom and my grandparents at this park. Keep it the way it has been. Don't ruin it by trying to modernize it even more.
895. Mainly just space and accessibility.
896. Make a mountain bike trail.
897. More restrooms are needed. Concessions stand not needed. Vending machines with a variety of sodas, water, electrolyte drinks and variety of snacks is all that's needed. Machines that take cash AND cards.
898. I've went to Elephant Rocks multiple times every summer for years and I'm happy to see it updating through the years.
899. Would love to see a sheltered picnic area that could be rented out for parties.
900. Been going there for 20+ years, and would love to see these improvements.
901. Provide restrooms throughout the park so those who are hiking/walking through elephant rock area of park will have a restroom to use on the trail. I cannot visit due to no restroom/outhouse/etc. along the trail.
902. Leave it the way it is! We don't need to make constant improvements to what is there. I love connecting with nature and adding more modern technology is not what it needs.
903. Leave it as is as much as possible.
904. Like it mostly the way it has been and currently is.
905. Keep it as natural as possible hiking trails that are marked that are outside of the walkway
906. I think the idea of adding parking space is great. I am not sure that building any kind of structures is a good idea because people seem to vandalize things like that.
907. More parking spaces and picnic areas.
908. Leave it as natural as possible.
909. I just love Elephant Rocks.

- 910. Place more trashcans in the park along the trail.
- 911. Its rugged raw nature is its entire appeal. Modernization will ruin it.
- 912. More signage and defined route ideas.
- 913. My family loved the park. The bathrooms need the most improvement in my opinion.
- 914. I really enjoy this park & its uniqueness.
- 915. Do not add any unnecessary merchandising items that take away from the natural surroundings. People come for the beauty of the area! Not something that man has made! Keep it natural!!
- 916. Please do NOT do the concession stand. It will lead to so much litter. State parks aren't a place for fast and junk food, if people wanna picnic, they can bring their own food and take it with them when they leave.
- 917. I don't like the idea of a concession stand because that would lead to more trash being left behind.
- 918. Born and raised 3 miles from here. Wish this brought up years ago. The bathrooms are in need of improvement for sure, additional parking and a concession stand are top priorities.
- 919. We love the park! Improvements without damaging the integrity of the park and the experience there would be great!
- 920. Put a phone tower where we can get service just in case there an emergency.
- 921. I appreciate the braille trail and ADA accessibility in the park!
- 922. More advertising and promotion.
- 923. Put some bathroom options along the trails along with trash cans.
- 924. The ADA trail is already pretty wide I would be concerned how much wider you are talking about as it could disrupt more of the nature and beauty of elephant rocks.
- 925. Continue to allow youth to free climb the rocks. They feel a part of them.
- 926. These are great ideas to improve the park.
- 927. I love Elephant Rocks and have visited many times. Thanks for the upkeep of such a wonderful treasure for all to enjoy.
- 928. Install security cameras to help prevent vandalism of the rocks.
- 929. It's a great park and these proposed updates would be amazing!
- 930. No fees.
- 931. Elephant Rocks is a very popular park with very simple, awe inspiring scenery. Do not complicate it. Let people enjoy nature with little intrusion.
- 932. Don't get too crazy. Keep it simple stupid.
- 933. Fix up the train shed and restore an engine to display there.
- 934. Love this park - always well kept and staff is really nice.
- 935. Do not commercialize.
- 936. Love this park.
- 937. It is a park, it doesn't need to be destroyed to add more parking.
- 938. I think the parking is enough because if there's any more people than the parking allows on the trail and up on the rocks it would be very overcrowded and not as enjoyable. I don't like the concessions idea because it's a natural park not a theme park. Maybe it would be ok if it's very small and basic.
- 939. More benches and resting places along the trail.
- 940. Add a few more benches along the trail for resting achy bodies.
- 941. Just put a turn lane in the highway at least. People drive stupid there.
- 942. Pretty much leave it alone, only make restroom improvements and disability improvements.

943. Playground could be improved.
944. This park is amazing and need to maintain its natural beauty as best as possible.
945. Preserve the history.
946. The parking situation is the most concerning. It is so hard to find a place to park, especially on weekends.
947. I don't know how but I am a firefighter with high angle, medical, swift water, and search and rescue training. I always take my search and rescue bag and have had to use it for minor scrapes and injuries multiple times. I wish there was a way for people like me that are trained to be organized and be able to help respond to emergencies.
948. Leave it as the natural wonder it is.
949. All suggestions seem reasonable and necessary.
950. Consider selling "Ope Outdoors" clothing in the concession stand, particularly from their "Missouri State Parks" line.
951. Leave it as it is. Don't commercialize it.
952. Expand the trail and add more history markers.
953. Love to his park.
954. One of our favorite places to visit.
955. Leave it alone.
956. Leave it as it is. It's beautiful now without further development.
957. Leave the park how it is. It's beautiful and peaceful.
958. We love playing here and climbing on the rocks and enjoying nature.
959. Put in a campground!
960. I would like to be able to get my wheel chair up to the rocks.
961. Keep it natural.
962. Definitely need much more parking in an area that doesn't make the entrance and exit so dangerous.
963. Overall the park should stay a natural site without a lot of development...I agree that the parking lot and restrooms should be updated. It seems like the park is much busier now than it was 10-20 years ago and making room to accommodate visitors is a valuable improvement. EV charging stations are costly and many seem to fall into disrepair and most I see in the area get very little use...it doesn't seem like the best use of funds in my opinion. The same with a concession stand...it's more unnecessary development and would be tough to staff or predict crowd sizes...I have never gone to a park and expected a concession stand. I do like making the park and trails more accessible because I have known many that couldn't visit or enjoy exploring because they couldn't easily walk the trails.
964. I wouldn't put anything there that people could rob.
965. These are all great ideas to enhance the park experience.
966. More people means more problems and more trash around the park. I like improvements for existing visitors and ADA improvements but encouraging buses and more vehicles is not a good idea. Park is better for small groups and families, not large groups that are disrespectful and trash the place.
967. I would like to see it stay as natural as possible.
968. I hope we can improve the park without losing any of its charm. The ability to see such large natural structures and interact with them is the main enjoyment.
969. The more people damage the natural beauty of Nature, the less people are going to visit and appreciate her in her raw form. The less work done, the better.
970. Please don't make it too popular.

971. Please make any improvements as environmentally friendly as possible, and the least amount of invasive.
972. Leave it as wild as it is no matter what.
973. Avoid creating more parking space than park space.
974. I believe Elephant Rocks state park is one the best parks around.
975. Restrooms definitely need improvement.
976. A campground would be nice. Some kind of water attraction even if it's just some water shooting up from the ground because it's hot in Missouri.
977. We do not need to destroy the environment with more parking lots. I hate it. If you install more parking please put solar panels on top.
978. Weed [whack] the trails and improve upon what is there.
979. Having no cell service right now could be a very dangerous situation. Someone gets hurt how do they get medical attention?
980. More trails would be lovely. Flushing toilets sound amazing!
981. Please do not expand parking or add lanes to MO-21. There are alternatives. INSTEAD: Please consider working with local communities (Pilot Knob, Ironton, and Arcadia in particular--plus access to schools, Amtrak, mountain bike trails, etc.) to develop a shared-use path (for bicycle/pedestrian/even equestrian? users) along the MO-21 right-of-way. Examples from other communities that connected shared-use paths to state parks include Warrensburg/Knob Noster to Knob Noster State Park, and Kirksville to Thousand Hills State Park. Communities like Moab, Utah also found great success with this approach, even though the terrain is much more challenging to develop. A shared-use path in this location would be ideal, and would connect these communities together. There are few safe ways to get around this area without a car, so we desperately need safe alternatives.
982. I love all of the improvement suggestions!
983. I have been going to elephant rocks for over 50 years before it was a park, I like that it is still a little rustic, making something more accessible and modern is not always a good thing.
984. Parking has always been an issue for sure, so to see upgrades coming would be great! You also have to consider more day use/ picnic areas as well. People don't like to just sit in their car to snack or grab a lunch. It would be nice to have more available picnic tables to use.
985. Mt Bike trails.
986. I would love to have a little kiosk dedicated to climbing in the area.
987. Updates to existing signage and information along Ada path.
988. Tell us more about the trail in blue from the engine house. Was not aware it was there. Please put more wastebaskets and drinking fountains on the braille trail.
989. Consider installing a trail restroom near half-way point.
990. Allow at your own risk swimming. Remove signs that say stay on the trail.
991. Do it.
992. Making the park more assessable for everyone is a very good thing - thank you.
993. Update play area
994. Keep it as natural as possible, this site is absolutely beautiful.
995. Love the idea of making the park more accessible
996. Best part of the proposal is better restrooms!
997. Please add flushing toilets and a place to wash hands!! Many other wonderful ideas here, thank you!!

998. The trail are needs to stay as natural as possible, that's what makes it so impressive.
999. Have more parking.
1000. Why do you think you need a charging station? I need a gas station. Just go down the road.
1001. Possibility of adding camping opportunities?
1002. No camping.
1003. Beautiful park.
1004. Please fix the park area! Make bigger would be amazing and safer!
1005. I think there needs to be improvements but I understand that not all are affordable so I like the stuff that might bring in revenue.
1006. More parking and better restrooms is what I was thinking about when I saw the survey.
1007. Please don't impact access to the rocks themselves or the view from up top. Concerned that a wider trail would not be as nice.
1008. It is a treasure. I like that it is naturalistic and serene.
1009. Updates are needed. It is vital that we protect and Preserve the story sites. Updating accommodations allows more people to enjoy the natural beauty.
1010. More interactive for kids.
1011. Ada accessible.
1012. I would love camping spaces for tents or RVs WITHOUT hookups.
1013. A lot of this will only increase crowds and contribute to destroying the natural landscape. We cannot have Elephant Rocks become an overcrowded tourist trap.
1014. Love this park. Want to keep it updated and available for all future visitors. ADA included.
1015. Please maintain the integrity of all things natural and native to the area.
1016. I actually enjoy the more primitive look now but realize with ever-increasing visitors some things are needed to accommodate. Good luck!!
1017. Any of the improvements are fine as long as they do not alter or interfere with the rocks themselves. And as for a concession stand, will that increase trash issues? I like the idea of having Elephant Rock Christmas ornaments, bumper stickers, and shirts. But how economical is it to be manned regularly?
1018. I grew up playing there and it already feels "ruined" to me. But all things change I guess.
1019. Add new trail options to expand hiking opportunities within the park.
1020. Keep integrity of the park and hopefully no vandalism.
1021. Keep it as natural as possible!
1022. Expand the trails, allowing backpacking, and maybe some back country camping sites.
1023. Place water bottle fillers on the trails or have vending machines with water & Gatorade.
1024. The plan looks like well-rounded progress for ask users. I especially like the focus on inclusive upgrades.
1025. I love elephant rocks! It's a fantastic park and I really appreciate its accessibility for ADA compliance and blind/visually impaired visitors. Additionally, I enjoy the rock climbing that is offered there and I believe that draws out of state visitors who want to check out some cool Missouri granite climbing! That said, I don't think the introduction of a concessionaire would improve the site's visitor experience. For one, there are plenty of picnic sites for visitors to bring food. Additionally, I worry that the concessionaire would increase the amount of trash that unfortunately would blow through the rest of the park. Elephant Rocks, while a great place to recreate and visit, is not an amusement park and I feel that having a business that serves food would be antithetical to the Missouri State Park's vision and mission.
1026. It's a great place to hike!

1027. Keep it simple without spending a lot of money - Keep Missouri NATURAL with current benefits/beauty.
1028. Was there with my elderly dad several years ago and was disappointed to not have access to food and drinks. Poor planning on my part but small concession of some type would have been nice even if it was a vending machine.
1029. Try to keep it natural, it's a beautiful as it is. Accessibility is important.
1030. Improving the park itself should be focus number one. If there are additional funds after those projects are complete, then worry about the entrance and Hwy. 21 widening.
1031. Elephant Rocks is one of my favorite places on earth.
1032. All of it should be upgraded.
1033. Nope, keep up the great work. Love coming and hike through.
1034. Sounds like you guys are coming to with some awesome upgrades!
1035. Yes, I never see photos any more of the actual elephant rock. Last time there brush was growing up hiding it. Most people visit the park without seeing The Elephant Rock. Ed Moses.
1036. Improve the playground. No need for a charging station, you're there to hike not play on your phone. Amphitheater seems like a waste of money and space. Upgraded bathrooms would be great!! Water fountains on the trail would be great again also.
1037. Maintain its uniqueness and do a better job of interpreting the history of the nearby quarry and the park site.
1038. Improve the playground and picnic areas.
1039. Do not expand or make changes to accommodate more people. Allow pets on leashes.
1040. Is there any possibility of adding a campground?
1041. This is an absolutely stunning park and we enjoy regular trips here. Having camping areas nearby would be great (or if there are some already, provide that information)
1042. Swimming area?
1043. Parking is the biggest pain that we've ran into. If that could be improved I think that'd really improve a lot of the experience. We've had to leave before with there being no spots and a lot of other people still circling.
1044. Climbing days with teachers for newbies.
1045. I think many of these improvements for this park sound wonderful... But if all or most were done... Would it dramatically affect the beauty of this park? Would it damage any of the beautiful boulders remaining in the park?
1046. It isn't clear which areas of the park (if any) are safe for climbing and exploration.
1047. Family of 13, it's our favorite getaway!
1048. I fear a concession stand would increase litter and lengthen the amount of time visitors stay on days that are already congested.
1049. Keep it was natural as possible while expanding access to those with disabilities.
1050. Would love better restrooms and cell service when hiking.
1051. Haven't been to ER park in years but remember loving to hike and climb on the rocks. Better ADA access and parking areas always a plus. As long as you don't get carried away with the development and end up losing the ruggedness of the park.
1052. I'm glad to see the park may be getting some upgrades and improvements! This is a great park that deserves some new attention.
1053. I do think having a concession stand would be nice but I believe people are going to just litter ruining the parks beauty.
1054. We really liked the park when we visited earlier this year, and could certainly see that some improvements would be nice, especially improving ADA accessibility and the Braille

trail. However, adding an amphitheater and etc. near the trailhead may detract from how the overall experience of "discovering" the site as you walk through the trees and can suddenly look up and see it. Also, when you are at the top of the rocks on the allowed areas, it would detract from the view of nature currently surrounding the site. Most of the people who come there are there for nature. Although, if it was further explained how large and what usage the area would be for, it might change my opinion of the pros then outweighed the cons. Random suggestion would be to include signs with explanations that both have drawings of sights and sites of the area, along with textured details on the pictures themselves for the visually impaired.

- 1055. More geocaches. Keep things as natural as possible.
- 1056. I don't think this park should be too built up commercial. The nice thing about this park is it is more primitive. Been going here since I was a small child. I'm 56 now we have brought our children and now we bring our grandchildren. This is one of our favorite parks anywhere in the country.
- 1057. Replace the bridge over creek. It is very shaky and uneven. Making pads around picnic tables bigger and not to have such a large step off to ground. Upgrade picnic tables.
- 1058. Trash bins needed along trail.
- 1059. I love the braille and ADA accommodations here. It was my favorite park as a kid and holds many fond memories. I'm glad to see the additional access and improvements.
- 1060. Definitely need more parking. Summer is getting hard to even find a spot
- 1061. Yes, they need an updated bigger playground for kids.
- 1062. I like improvements to some of the infrastructure and accessibility, but I do not want to add more parking and concessions which will drive too much crowding in a small park and drive up trash with concessions.
- 1063. We love it! Widening the patch for wheelchair will also be helpful for strollers.
- 1064. Best adventure park around. Love all the suggested updates.
- 1065. Improve wooded trails surrounding outer park property.
- 1066. I have always love ERSP. The changes that have been made over the last several decades have been great. Because of the ADA paths my mom was able to take her walker and explore the park with me. It is a fond memory for me.
- 1067. We love visiting Elephant Rocks.
- 1068. Add overnight camping area.
- 1069. It's a long drive from St Louis so more parking and resources are great improvements
- 1070. Keep it as natural as possible but any changes should be to help accessibility.
- 1071. Awesome park Already.
- 1072. Love Elephant Rocks!
- 1073. Keep it as natural as possible. Climb at your own risk.
- 1074. Elephant Rocks is a great park with a quaint appeal. I'd be cautious of overcrowding. Its appeal is a shorter trip/picnic spot, more people means you'll need more trails or something to disperse and keep it from feeling crowded.
- 1075. Improve and increase the size of the playground for children.
- 1076. More picnic benches. Schedule clean up days with scout groups, offer primitive camping for scout groups, nfp.
- 1077. Flushing toilets are a must.
- 1078. Love it hope you get the funds you need.
- 1079. Build some sort of overlook.
- 1080. Longer hikes, places to fish.
- 1081. Camp sites.

1082. Wheelchair accessibility all through the park as a long-term goal would be outstanding. BATHROOM for WC visitors with handicapped DOOR is needed.
1083. I would love to see more rock climbing.
1084. Please leave it alone, it is perfect the way it is.
1085. If they do decide to put in a concession stand...they need healthy foods without pesticides and preservatives. No more chips and soda!
1086. Love it.
1087. Love the park.
1088. Love visiting.
1089. It would be nice to see a trash can or two somewhere along the trails. Maybe at one of the lookout areas.
1090. An expansion of the park in general would be great. Also add picnic / eating areas, pavilions, and things for eating food etc. There are additional things around the park boundaries that could become a part of the park and make a great park even better!
1091. Better playground areas, flush toilets, more parking.
1092. I appreciate efforts for all prolog you come especially the ones with disabilities.
1093. Wider trails would be nice to accommodate strollers and those who need ADA assistance.
1094. One of our favorite local state parks. These are all fantastic ideas!
1095. There should be a \$5 fee to even enter the park so it prompts people to take care and respect the park.
1096. We love it and look forward to the ADA improvements especially so we can bring a family member who is wheelchair bound.
1097. Parking always seems to be issue with people overflowing. Expanded or secondary area with better curbs and rails to stop people pulling out into grass.
1098. Love the park!
1099. Don't cut any trees.
1100. Provide more Ranger led activities whether in person or virtual highlights along the trail.
1101. We love Elephant Rocks State Park. Improvements would be awesome but would hate to lose its charm by over developing the park.
1102. Love this park and hope to see it improve over the years!
1103. I absolutely love this park. I've made plenty of memories with my kids here.
1104. Thanks.
1105. Have trash bins along the paved trail.
1106. Please update. The braille trail. Seemed to be at the end of its life. Braille pads are wore out and missing pcs.
1107. Beautiful Park....updates proposed sound reasonable!
1108. Leave the park as natural as possible.
1109. If improvements are being made updates to existing playground would be nice too for young kids.
1110. Better parking and restrooms are a top priority.
1111. Leave walking area as it is. Don't need concession.
1112. Elephant Rocks is a calm, peaceful place for families to visit and hike. I like the low key environment.
1113. The park has areas where rappelling could be allowed. I would like to see this happen.
1114. More trails. They're why I go to parks.
1115. Multiple EV chargers would be sweet, there's really none in the area or at any parks.
1116. You should have a large mural painted somewhere in the beginning. Also the park REALLY needs improved for the kids.

- 1117. Better parking would be great.
- 1118. Please don't make parking big campers a priority.
- 1119. I chose dislike for increased connectivity because I'd hate to see a cell tower there. If that would not be the case then I'd support wireless connectivity.
- 1120. Keep it simple. It's a beautiful place. No need for gift shop and concession. Part of the fun is a picnic!
- 1121. Include an overlook or something for disabled individuals that cannot climb/hike the rocks.
- 1122. I've only been once but I enjoyed it a lot+
- 1123. I like the idea of improving the walkway to be more ADA compliant and I realize that this will mean removal of some trees. However in the past when several campground in the state park have been "improved" far too many trees have been removed and too much concrete has been poured. Please keep the shade.
- 1124. It gets so busy with the current size/setup of the parking lot. Increasing parking will just make it feel like Disney world. Better wireless might be helpful for the park workers but I don't go out in nature to be on my phone. Unless the park really needs it, the money could be used elsewhere.
- 1125. Most of the reason people like this park is ruggedness. Bringing in too many features just cheapens it. Adding a food vendor will lead to more trash.
- 1126. Thanks for keeping this awesome park up to date. I'm not sure that a concession/gift shop is worth the cost. It may also create more waste. I'm from 63645 but now live in Nashville, TN.
- 1127. What I enjoy about the park is how rustic and undeveloped it is.
- 1128. The more you offer free services such as Wi-Fi, etc..., the more everyone will be dealing with loitering.
- 1129. Sorry for being so down about all your proposed improvements. There are plenty of other ADA parks. Please leave this one as rustic as it is. The natural beauty should be left alone.
- 1130. The park has great trails!
- 1131. Leave it as it is. A larger parking area will take away user experience by accommodating large groups.
- 1132. Don't make it too commercialized. Keep it as rustic and natural as possible. I don't want to smell car exhaust when I'm in the woods.
- 1133. More parking is a must. The park is far too popular now and parking is a premium and fills up quickly. If possible water fountains along the paved trails would be nice.
- 1134. Leave as natural as possible. No added trash with concessions.
- 1135. No. Awesome place just leave it a bit wild.
- 1136. Progress for the sake of progress doesn't always make things better. Especially natural areas.
- 1137. Excited for upcoming changes for parking and restrooms!!!
- 1138. It is really beautiful the way it is. I hope the upgrades do not take away the natural beauty
- 1139. Keep the park as naturally intact as possible but definitely need better upgraded restrooms, quality trail for those who are handicapped to enjoy also.
- 1140. There is a small pond. Make it bigger and stock it with pan fish like crappie and blue gill.
- 1141. I feel a concession stand would increase litter in the area and don't want that.
- 1142. I appreciate its uniqueness and the variety of accessibility options it has now. Not sure it needs to accommodate many more visitors onsite, though. It would be good to

- discourage people from abandoning dogs there, and to improve the Braille trail (it was getting a little rough).
1143. I love it the way it is, kind of a freewheeling rock scramble. Real bathrooms would be great, though.
1144. A bigger trail system, and a better playground for kids.
1145. No need for mountain bike trails.
1146. What makes elephant rocks so special is it's like an outdoor jungle gym for kids and adults to explore without restrictions.
1147. No, thank you for all you do!
1148. My parents took me there when I was little, me & my husband have taken our children and now grandchildren. Finally! Flushable toilets, please add sinks to wash hands. I would suggest the picnic tables that are there to possibly be placed further away from the rock area and possibly a couple small pavilions to place them at. Eating lunch with littles is sometime hard enough but really challenging when there is a cool big rock to climb right behind you. Also, as others are exploring it is hard to have a peaceful, relaxing lunch sometimes.
1149. This is an exceptional area and a great park. Please keep the emphasis on natural beauty and history (not playgrounds, motorsports, concessions, or anything else that would detract from the main goals.) Other than concessions, I think the plans for Elephant Rocks sound perfect.
1150. The object of our parks are to preserve the original state. While updates and improvements are necessary, please leave the park as close to its currently state as possible.
1151. Elephant Rocks is great as is. Johnson Shut Ins would be better suited for upgrades that help increase dwell time and year-round visitation to both parks as it is nearby and sits on land that may be more suited to resort style improvements.
1152. Need a group campsite for scout groups!
1153. Elephant rocks is perfect place for children.
1154. Love this park! Please try and keep as much of the natural feel as possible when improving access.
1155. Food doesn't belong there. There is plenty in surrounding towns.
1156. I think it would be nice to see picnic areas off of the trails near the rocks. This would give families a chance to sit down and picnic while kids can explore the rocks.
1157. Please keep it rustic, with the exception of the bathrooms. The lovely thing about elephant rock is it's ruggedness.
1158. I would love to see more trails.
1159. Do not make this another commercialized park. The natural beauty of this site should be preserved.
1160. Keep it natural.
1161. Provide maps for the whole park. So we know where to go. We love elephant Rock.
1162. Keep it simple. Don't overdo it.
1163. Allow Boondocking.
1164. Leave it alone, let's not get it over run.
1165. Please do not widen the trail path and take away from the natural beauty of parks.
1166. Keep it as natural as possible! We like to visit to escape to a truly unique place. Our family takes all our guests here - they all love the wildness of the place, while it still allows for those who need a paved trail to access it easily. Keep it as rustic as possible!

- 1167. We go there often and I think more signage on Hwy 21 from 141 on South will help attract more visitors. All your ideas will help!
- 1168. Maintain the natural beauty of the park by limiting the hardcase. Do not expand (widen) pathways or allow for freestanding structures around the area.
- 1169. Improve as minimally as possible to allow ADA access. Manage the area for its historical climbing significance and continuing climbing opportunities. Do not expand maintenance or large vehicle access.
- 1170. Having visited on the busiest of weekends I don't understand the necessity of making a lot of road and parking lot improvements other than general maintenance.
- 1171. Beautiful area, please don't modernize it too much.
- 1172. Build a campground.
- 1173. I'm afraid an EV charging station would immediately become a target of vandalism. Sad, but true.
- 1174. More parking.
- 1175. Put in areas for dogs to play.
- 1176. Leave as much natural as possible.
- 1177. I love it there!
- 1178. To keep it natural and only improve things to keep it healthy and safe for everyone to enjoy.
- 1179. Add a grill to eh concession stand, offering burgers, hot dogs, hot sandwiches. Add a third trail that goes around the lake/pond locates SW of the rocks. Add a shower/eye wash stand to the bathrooms.
- 1180. Expand the hiking trails. I don't truly dislike any of the proposed options. Just would rather see the money go towards other things like trail maintenance, increased trails, maybe primitive campsites, etc. Love the SP and have been there many, many times over the years.
- 1181. One of my favorite parks.
- 1182. Make it where handicap can go. People that are handicapped would love to go see it, but you can't put wheelchairs or scooters. Please make it for handicap. We go every year and I have to stay at the table.
- 1183. Increased parking and traffic flow improvements are of utmost importance.
- 1184. I think your plans sound perfect.
- 1185. Parking is almost always an issue. I would also like to see extended hours for people that want to do sunset or sunrise photos but have to park on a side street down the road due to being locked out of the parking lot.
- 1186. Be great to see parking and accessibility expanded. Interested to know closure time frame for proposed improvements.
- 1187. Longer nature walking trail.
- 1188. Have a few water fountains or spigots around the engine house trails area, that's a long walk when it's hot, people run out of water.
- 1189. Keep upgrades basic & what is financially feasible with the ability to staff it.
- 1190. More waste management for dumpsters.
- 1191. Great park.
- 1192. It's one of our favorites as it stands. But these improvements are reasonable. Just hate to see a spinoff of the type of development echo bluffs received.
- 1193. This park is a gem leave the way it is with as little change as possible!
- 1194. Leave it as is except for upgrading the restrooms.
- 1195. It is a great park!

1196. Flushable toilet all year round is a must.
1197. Love the park!!! Adding lighting could really be an asset.
1198. I believe adding a concessions stand would cause more littering, less appreciation for the natural aspect of the park.
1199. We loved Elephant Rocks SP when we were there! The trails, the ruins, the quarry and of course the boulders were unique and memorable! I think improvements to increase traffic is great so more people can enjoy what we did.
1200. Leave it alone. Make the ADA accommodations better for all to enjoy, but don't change the actual park.
1201. I do not think a designated food and drink concession should be built. Today's society likes food trucks. Make a designated area for them to park and work. Offer contracts to only locally owned food trucks so that you are helping small businesses not these big out of county companies.
1202. It has some great bouldering. If you offered rental bouldering shoes or small purchases like hand chalk, we'd likely buy into it.
1203. When you go to elephant rocks, you know its nature. It's outside. No peeing at the park. Eat before you go. Leave it just like it is.
1204. Upgrade and add newer safer playground equipment for the kids.
1205. Improvements will be good.
1206. Leave it the way it is besides updating bathrooms.
1207. Leave it as it is. New bathrooms would be fine.
1208. Don't destroy the beauty of the park. It doesn't need a sidewalk going through it.
1209. Please keep darkness and soundscapes in mind when developing anything. Fewer lights are necessary at night than folks seem to think, and amber-toned lights are equally effective without creating a massive disruption to the night. Dark Sky compliance should be taken into consideration. Even the proposed EV charging station should be compliant if installed.
1210. The beauty of this park is its natural state. My kids love climbing and squeezing through areas. Not every place is appropriate for wheelchairs and this would be one of them.
1211. I think night tours during like meteor showers, eclipses, and other popular phenomenon would be great. Adding an AED to the maintenance sheds if there isn't one already.
1212. Better signage on the trails. Make maps of trails available.
1213. Do not put a EV station.
1214. I love that we can get on the rocks and walk around. I think preserving the old building remnant in a better way would be nice. I would have liked to be able to read more about what the building was used for and its history. I didn't like the food that was being sold. The trailers looked sketchy. If food is sold it needs to be something nutritious.
1215. Love Safety but keep it natural.
1216. Love the park and the thought of preserving it for our future. Consider a bigger than planned gift shop area for tourists and to promote the park.
1217. Improvements to restroom and parking are needed but keeping the park as natural as possible is important for the area and the feel of the park and natural beauty.
1218. Please don't overdevelop!
1219. Please don't change elephant rock too much. Modern restrooms would be nice and Ada compliance but other than that leave it alone.
1220. It's such a great place to visit-- we love it!!
1221. Camping sites would be nice.
1222. Maybe a few vending machines if you don't want to open an entire concession stand.

- 1223. Parking. More parking.
- 1224. Love Elephant Rocks! Is there any support the park could provide rock climbers?
- 1225. There is nothing to encourage me to visit more than once. I've seen it, I've marked it off my list.
- 1226. Have the water fountains on. When u are walking thru it's kinda a hassle to have people walking all different directions. Maybe have them start on one side and finish on the other. Some paint on walking trail would look nice
- 1227. These changes are going to add visitors to an already crowded park.
- 1228. It is our favorite state park and I have some many wonderful memories there!!
- 1229. I would like to see the front quarry reopen for swimming.
- 1230. PLEASE keep construction to an absolute minimum. Increasing vehicle accessibility destroys the area and encourages more vehicle traffic. I have seen "development" absolutely destroy natural areas, even when the intentions are the best. Leave some places touched lightly. We don't need more places for automobiles. Or even people. Let the wild things be as wild as possible. PLEASE. We have so little left.
- 1231. Our family has been MANY times. The fact that it's just the way it is- is the reason we love it & return. Please do not destroy that! Once you do you can't get that back!
- 1232. Enlarge parking area. Add picnic shelters.
- 1233. Leave it natural
- 1234. I enjoy the more natural state of the park. I like the idea of increasing accessibility but dislike the food/merch vending. As someone who works with environmental groups, this addition WILL create lots of trash dropped in the park and parking lot by a significant amount and local wildlife will not benefit from access to trash and trash cans with additional food and food trash in them.
- 1235. Expanded picnic area.
- 1236. Would love to have camping.
- 1237. Leave it alone as much as possible, maintain the "wild".
- 1238. Beautiful place!
- 1239. Keeping it less commercial. Don't need gift shop and snacks at a park.
- 1240. No campground. And no disturbing the rocks.
- 1241. It is beautiful and accessible as is. Few changes are needed!
- 1242. They should put in a campground if possible somewhere near other than Johnson shut in
- 1243. Leave it as natural as possible!
- 1244. More prominent signage about safety, slippery rocks. Cell coverage for emergency calls.
- 1245. I grew up in the area and I think Elephant Rocks is long overdue for an upgrade. But Wi-Fi is not something that needs to be put here. People are running out of places to get away from it all.
- 1246. Would enjoy more or longer trail system. Possibly more picnic/ leisure areas?
- 1247. Better restrooms and parking.
- 1248. Keep it natural.
- 1249. I think all the above ideas will enhance and make the park more accessible.
- 1250. Improve safety for guests. Maybe cameras or emergency call boxes.
- 1251. Should definitely have gift shop.
- 1252. Ranger go through so often and do check on people.
- 1253. I would like to see afterhours availability for photography enthusiasts.
- 1254. Keep areas as naturally native as possible.
- 1255. I've been able to walk the whole trail using my walker. I already love it.
- 1256. Unique place.

1257. You DO NOT NEED an EV charging station!
1258. Keep it as natural as possible.
1259. We have enjoy visiting Elephant Rocks for over 40 years. The ideas suggested would improve the safety and wellbeing of guests and make it more inclusive.
1260. We would love to see a small campground, even just a few primitive sites.
1261. Place signs stating how long the trails are.
1262. A small site store and concession all in one.
1263. Allow and develop outdoor rocking with bouldering pads for safety.
1264. Increased parking for all would be great, as would improved bathrooms. The improvements planned are mostly very good ideas. I have been going to Elephant Rocks State Park (from Central IL) for about 49 years.
1265. Leave it alone.
1266. The food truck is a better option to me than a permanent concession stand. My family enjoys visiting Elephant Rock. Thankfully, we live fairly close and get to enjoy it a few times each year.
1267. Develop camping sites for tents.
1268. We love going to Elephant Rocks State Park! I love the idea of improving the area around the parking without harming any of the natural features.
1269. It's an amazing park so please don't mess it up.
1270. There needs to be more picnic tables and restrooms. They seem to be packed every time we've been there.
1271. I do like all the proposals but I don't know if all those things would be worth the cost. I'm sure someone with more knowledge is looking into that.
1272. Don't make it a circus...
1273. Perhaps family friendly activities or events.
1274. I was afraid this new development might mess up this great park, but these developments seem to be for the better. I dislike the EV charging because I feel like it would take away regular parking.
1275. I really enjoyed visiting Elephant Rocks State Park.
1276. Have enjoyed hiking in the park since the early 1970s. One thing not mentioned was trash cans/waste management. Last time there we carried out quite a bit of other peoples' trash.
1277. I strongly oppose construction of any kind of concession stand/kiosk that would sell food and, in particular, merchandise! This is a nature park, and keep it as natural as possible should be the primary goal and responsibility for Missouri State Park management/Department of Natural Resources. It would be a loss to such a beautiful place to convert it into a dirty amusement park.
1278. Leave the park as is. These proposals will ruin the natural and historic state of the park, similar to the overcrowding of Johnson Shut-Ins after the major remodel from many years ago. They have quotas, waiting lines at the entrance. The place is packed. Trash is common in the river. It was never like this before. Do not perpetrate this atrocity on this park.
1279. I don't think that the solution to huge numbers of visitors is to make it even easier for huge numbers of visitors to come. Make some other state parks and sites more visitor friendly to spread out the number of visitors to other places as well!
1280. I like the idea of expanding the maintenance shop so that the workers who care for the area have sufficient space and equipment, but I don't like the idea of making the whole area more commercialized with EV charging stations and concession stands.

- 1281. I like that it's a smaller park and allows lots of wandering. I think wider trails would take away from the natural features of the park. Expanding the park area or adding a campground would be great.
- 1282. Leave it as natural as possible.
- 1283. Minimum impact.
- 1284. We love this park as it is. We go on weekdays to avoid the high traffic times. Please don't change the experience of this park with a bunch of fancy improvements beyond flushing toilets and possibly more parking.
- 1285. It'd be really nice to have changing tables in the bathrooms and sinks with soap.
- 1286. Please improve the Braille signs when improving the trail. The Braille has worn off on most signs.
- 1287. Don't commercialize it.
- 1288. A restroom further in the park would be nice.
- 1289. Make accessible, but keep as noncommercial as possible.
- 1290. I loved visiting the park and look forward to improvements. You should give a third choice in the survey instead of like or dislike, maybe neutral?
- 1291. Love the park! Wish the hiking trails were explained clearer by the old structure into the woods. I'm too scared to try them and get lost. Wish they offered more night activities for looking at the stars.
- 1292. Please keep this amazing park as natural as possible. One of Missouri's best parks!
- 1293. I like this park and am grateful that we are preserving this area. I voted yes on all items, but I ask that you. Please avoid cutting down trees as much as possible.
- 1294. Parking is my biggest complaint. Especially driving so far to get there and then not having somewhere to park is really frustrating. Absolutely love Elephant Rock Park!
- 1295. Love the park.
- 1296. Would be great if trails to railhouse and other destinations were emblazoned more clearly.
- 1297. Looks like there might be room to add a 3-5 mile mountain bike loop. Maybe look into that.
- 1298. Do not harm any of the rock formations.
- 1299. Keep it as natural as you can!
- 1300. The park is beautiful and simple. Please don't add unnecessary elements such as concession stands and souvenirs.
- 1301. It's already a fabulous park and we love it. I've been going there since high school...decades ago!
- 1302. Keep it the same. We love it.
- 1303. Improve picnic area and accessibility thereof.
- 1304. Keep it simple.
- 1305. Options for camping would be nice.
- 1306. Upgraded bathrooms would be fabulous.
- 1307. I support efforts to accommodate more visitors but also hope there are ways to mitigate overuse and the park being overrun by (understandably enthusiastic) visitors. I would hate to see it become "loved to death."
- 1308. Interpretive panels about the history of the area and how the quarry became a park
- 1309. Don't commercialize it. Keep it as natural as possible. It's already beautiful and fun.
- 1310. Keep as pristine as possible.
- 1311. Keep the park basic but yet beautiful.
- 1312. Try to leave area as natural as possible.

- 1313. Increased parking.
- 1314. I'm in a wheelchair and love the accessibility improvements.
- 1315. Keep it as natural as possible, don't make "improvements" that would change the natural flow of things.
- 1316. More signage within the park? Or map posted because sometimes I know I have seen cool stuff but can't remember where in the park or where I am in relation to the park as a whole.
- 1317. Keep it as natural as possible.
- 1318. Love the park. Keep it as natural as possible. Concessions are not needed. You're not offering gas and diesel, why would you offer EV charging? I've never had a problem turning in or out of the park; changing the road is grossly unnecessary. Only improvement I'd suggest is the stairs to the top of the rock.
- 1319. Would love to see water bottle refill stations.
- 1320. Visit the park every year and love the natural scenery. Would like opportunity to have trail go down and around lake.
- 1321. Leave it natural.
- 1322. Group reservation area.
- 1323. My family and I enjoy visiting Elephant Rocks. I hope that any changes that are made will preserve the beauty that is there in nature.
- 1324. Leave the park alone, only clean up and plant.
- 1325. I love the park!!
- 1326. I don't know that any of the proposed changes would hurt, but also we largely enjoy the park as it is. I'd love to see as little disruption to the natural space as possible, so may be in favor of the flush restrooms depending on what level of construction that would take. The parking lot fills quickly, but I'd be concerned that adding more spaces will make the park over crowded on busy days and therefore less enjoyable or possibly even less safe for climbing/exploring. Love the idea of making the space more inclusive with ADA updates. I can't speak personally on maintenance facility updates, but if the maintenance team needs more space then I'm in favor. The state parks teams work so hard and do such an amazing job, so I'd love to see them supported in that effort.
- 1327. In my top 5 favorite parks in MO.
- 1328. Don't ruin it.
- 1329. I have enjoyed this park for I think over 50 years. I would like to keep it as close to original as possible while also making it accessible to all.
- 1330. No, love that place.
- 1331. More rock climbing / bouldering opportunities with marked routes and ability to rent crash pads.
- 1332. I love elephant rock and would love for it to be more accessible to others!
- 1333. Love the increase in ADA compliance.
- 1334. I think the parking spaces available are all the visitors the park can handle at 1 time. We don't need Wi-Fi to enjoy outdoor it's only a distraction.
- 1335. I believe elephant rocks should be kept as "rustic" as possible. No update cell or merchandise. Trails should meander through the rocks. Expanding the parking lot seems acceptable since there seems to be an increase in visitation. I have seen many weekends where the parking lot is full. On the other hand, a full parking lot lets me know that I don't want to visit at that time because there are too many people. Flushing toilets or at least updated pit toilets would be beneficial.
- 1336. I think some of these options are not to the best use of the public's money.

- 1337. Would like to see more park ranger programs and lectures. More history about what is around us.
- 1338. Keep it natural.
- 1339. Should also have a measure to control stray animals and homelessness. Our visit was diminished by stray dogs who had fleas/ticks who came up to the picnic shelters.
- 1340. Upgrade picnic tables, playground area, add more water stations and benches along the trail.
- 1341. Don't make any major changes, it's great as it is.
- 1342. Make it accessible but don't overdo it. It still needs to be as natural as possible.
- 1343. Love the park, Trails were a little worn but other than that I love it there.
- 1344. Don't try to accommodate increased usage. More use will wear out the park. Let everyone enjoy it, sure, but let's not make it an amusement park.
- 1345. Camping nearby would be great to have, including more trails around the park itself, including some longer distance, if possible.
- 1346. Please add campground.
- 1347. Love the asphalted trails, easily accessible for strollers and wagons. Great park for kids and excited for new proposals.
- 1348. I need to visit Elephant Rocks park. It looks very interesting.
- 1349. Don't change it much. We love it like it is.
- 1350. When we went over the summer all your vending machines were broken but a concession trailer was there. Kind of seemed like a setup please put in a concession stand.
- 1351. Please leave the area natural as it is. Adding extra sidewalks, shelters, etc. means destroying some of the natural beauty.
- 1352. Keep it as natural as possible.
- 1353. It is a great park. Parking is always crazy in the summer, so having extra spaces would definitely help.
- 1354. As long as the park maintains a free entrance to the park- I have no issues and we've loved going to elephant rocks since I was a child.
- 1355. Beautiful park, keep the historic rock art intact.
- 1356. Such a unique park that MO is lucky to have.
- 1357. Don't increase capacity. We're tired of overcrowded outdoor spaces.
- 1358. Don't add a concession stand. That will lead to trash.
- 1359. Bathrooms need to be made better... they are worst part of the whole experience. The picnic tables need updated/ repaired. And the Pavilion with educational info graphics should be updated as they are so faded and discolored from the sun/weather it is hard to see them.
- 1360. I'm primarily looking for good trails and campgrounds at our state parks.
- 1361. A Disc Golf course would be incredible to increase foot traffic with nature orientated people. In addition, it has minimal impact on the environment.
- 1362. Make a campground area!
- 1363. Keep it as untouched as possible. The nature is the attraction - not concessions or an amphitheater.
- 1364. The park is unique and interesting and I enjoyed visiting.
- 1365. Include further historical interpretation of the old firehouse Structure.
- 1366. There's been more trash recently - in between the rocks and along the trails.
- 1367. EV infrastructure is poor in this area. There is a charger nearby but having additional chargers would benefit the park and the surrounding area.

1368. Would like there to be water fountain with a bottle refill available to be able to have access to water while visiting the park especially in the warmer months.
1369. I'm curious if the EV charging stations are a potential income for the park. I'd share that if they were, to educate folks about the question. We LOVE Elephant Rocks. We've been coming there for over 22 years for an annual family photo.
1370. We love elephant rocks. I'm all for minimal improvements especially for accessibility that don't impact the overall experience.
1371. I think these improvements are wonderful.
1372. Need to include water bottle refill station.
1373. Upgrading the parking and day use area is a good idea. But please preserve the rocks for my grandchildren.
1374. We love this park. Keep changes so they don't change the natural park.
1375. The concession and toilets are great ideas.
1376. We enjoy this park multiple times a year.
1377. Love the proposal especially the EV charging!
1378. It's a great park!
1379. Please leave it as natural as possible. I realize all areas are not accessible to all handicapped people but nature isn't always equally accessible to everyone. My husband is handicapped & readily accepts that there are things he cannot experience.
1380. Please look into the purchase of the old abandoned quarry behind Elephant Rocks.
1381. There are carpet rugs on the trail, these at times have made walking difficult for older people in the trail.
1382. With increased traffic able to be in at a time with more parking, will there be more safety measures in place? Mostly regarding the area up on the rocks above the lake. It will be a bummer to lose some sight of the natural elements but I would hate for kiddo to end up in the lake on accident.
1383. Put a disc golf course there.
1384. Add camping sites.
1385. My favorite state park in the entire state. Leave it alone.
1386. If concession stand then include garbage handling capability. Maybe best just sell water and t shirts.
1387. Definitely needs more parking.
1388. Please don't move (or remove) any of the granite boulders.
1389. Real toilets please!
1390. I think keeping it as natural as possible without selling food items is more consistent with MO Parks. The trash being Theon around is going to skyrocket.
1391. Nope! Great park; the kids love it. I am very anxious about their safety while we're there, but I think that's part of the draw.
1392. Good park when we go with kids. They enjoy walking through and climbing on the rocks. Keep it that way.
1393. Love the park and love the improvements for accessibility.
1394. Definitely disagree with putting sidewalks in as the trail. Seems like you be creating run off issues and doing damage to the ecosystem.
1395. Please redo and make the playground area all inclusive. This is one park that I was able to bring my wheelchair bound son when he was alive. This park has the potential to be completely inclusive.
1396. Do more partnerships with the county and city to encourage growth.
1397. Love the park and I am looking forward to any and all improvements for use!!

1398. I would like to see more hiking trails.
1399. It is best as a day use park.
1400. This is an interesting place to visit but it's still just a few hours' worth of sightseeing/hiking at the most. It doesn't need improving and funds could be put to better use at other parks.
1401. Please keep protecting the natural beauty of Elephant Rocks State Park. It is a phenomenal place to visit and see some of Missouri's natural beauty up close.
1402. The bathrooms are fine the way they are, and who will attend a concession stand or building? The park is Natural the way it is and any add ons will need severe digging and the cost would be outrageous. I could see the amphitheater getting destroyed or vandalized. Unfortunately some of the out of town visitors have no appreciation for our parks. If the parking lot is enlarged please consider using a parking status like the rest areas do. They can accommodate? Anything long & large. "-) coming in and going out safely.
1403. I loved going to elephant rocks SP as a child living closer to it than I do now. I think it is a great place to take all ages. Enhancements to this park while keeping the rock formations natural, is wonderful!
1404. I like the idea of updating parking. We often stop at elephant rocks after camping and can only stop if there are not too many cars already. It is challenging with my camper to park.
1405. I'm not there often, but only one I would question is if the turn lane is worth the investment. I'm assuming it does get busy so this would be a safety improvement.
1406. Where will this money be coming from? I have heard from park employees that there is no funding for them to get the hours they are supposed to.
1407. Making the park bigger and more accessible seems great, but going there is already crowded and crowded these changes would make that worse. Keep it small and natural!
1408. Why was this never considered for a campground?
1409. Please don't destroy any of the existing boulders and rocks!
1410. Love it!
1411. Love visiting here in the summers! Redoing the braille trail so it's more accessible would be amazing!
1412. Leave it be.
1413. Great park
1414. My family enjoys visiting the park once a year, parking can often be an issue, but we have never not been able to visit because of that.
1415. I think it needs to remain almost exactly as is but the restrooms are the biggest problem area that we see. Parking would be the second biggest problem. But the sights and nature of the park should remain untouched. As a mom, there are some very high rocks that would possibly benefit from having a safety rail so littles don't get into danger.
1416. Making it ADA compliant and traffic controls are good moves.
1417. Easy entrance to the top of the rock for us older folks.
1418. The park should be "unplugged", no Wi-Fi is necessary.
1419. Improve playground.
1420. Make a few camping sites please.
1421. Would be great spot for Disc Golf course.
1422. Disc golf course would be an amazing addition, too!
1423. Love the Park. Keep it "natural".

1424. Keep the park as an explore your own route through the rocks. Don't change the natural beauty of the area.
1425. A disc golf course would be incredible to have!
1426. Great place. I like the enhancements purposed.
1427. Make some more hiking trails through the woods.
1428. Please keep as natural as possible without destroying the rocks.
1429. Need better consistent trail maintenance.
1430. Beautiful park. We should keep it as natural as possible.
1431. Love this park & visit often. Not much improvement is needed.
1432. It is absolutely one of my favorite state parks and I have been going there for decades. But I've noticed more and more people have discovered it and it's getting used a lot. Some upgrades are needed.
1433. I like the shop for snacks, etc., but would prefer it be at the parking lot site.
1434. Please don't take away the charm by modernizing it too much!
1435. I love Elephant Rocks and I hope more people get to experience the park. I think the suggested improvements to make the park even more accessible and to improve parking will allow more people to visit.
1436. Make the updates but keep the oversized vehicles OUT! Also no EV charging. This is a park. Keep it as natural as possible.
1437. The suggestions and concerns I had were addressed in the survey.
1438. Be nice to have overnight RV parking without hookups.
1439. The less modernization the better.
1440. I think selling food and drinks will increase litter in the park. That is why I disliked that idea. A place to buy souvenirs would be nice.
1441. This park is very much in need of additional parking, however, I hope that the rock formations to the right of the parking lot are not affected by the proposed new parking. That is a beautiful area that families enjoy visiting for picnics and exploring.
1442. Update the signs along the trail.
1443. More hiking trailheads.
1444. Wanted to attend with adult day program but not wheelchair accessible at all!
1445. We love Elephant Rocks. The addition of flush toilets would be amazing!
1446. I would like the State to buy more next to the park or near the park.
1447. Love it.
1448. It is perfect the way it is, but all improvements to accessibility and safety are great! I am glad you are not adding camping. Personally I don't think flush toilets are necessary, vault toilets are very typical of state parks and no need to dedicate land just for toilet management. I am unsure about the amphitheater because I don't want the park to be super developed but interpretation opportunities would be nice.
1449. I think it's a unique area that needs to be preserved carefully for all to enjoy.
1450. I wish we could camp here! Starting with basic sites is fine!
1451. The Superintendent in charge now has destroyed the natural beauty of this park with its prison like atmosphere with all the metal gates. He obstructs traffic and what could be parking with tons of orange cones. VERY LAME!!!! What is he afraid of?
1452. My whole family just visited this park this summer, we LOVE it!! Since it is so remote, improvements are needed, but I don't think we need to go to the expense of installing an electric car charging station while most people are not driving one.
1453. Better parking and toilets would go a long way with visitors. Even if other things aren't possible.

1454. Please keep as many of the trees as possible. I really enjoy the giant rock being surrounded by forest.
1455. Making the paths wheelchair and knee scooter safe.
1456. I believe that E. Rocks is a beautiful state park that should be able to accommodate increased usage. My concern is that with increased usage also means increased damage to the natural resources, as well as the cost of increased maintenance for the purposed new additions to the park.
1457. Increasing the amount of amenities will prolong the time people spend at the park which in turn will create more visitor issues. This day use only site is meant for people to come and recreate for a portion of the day and move on to other sites.
1458. More infrastructure would change existing natural elements of the area. Adding flush toilets for the visitors for a day use park is not necessary.
1459. Would like to increase hiking trails.
1460. The one thing you are missing are more trail waysides to better explain the geology and history of the resource including geology chemistry in situ, and the quarry area. Would also acquire the adjacent private quarry area now being used as a shooting range. Make an agreement with Missouri Red granite to have a clearly labeled sample pile where it would be legal to take small samples home, courtesy of Missouri Red. Win-win for both sides. Have JSI interpreters talk about the geochemical relationship between the two parks and do more historical interp programs here. A couple times a year have geology programs here as special events.
1461. I don't understand putting an EV charging station unless it is a money making opportunity. We don't have gas stations in state parks.
1462. Leave it natural, send visitors to buy from the local businesses.
1463. Fix the drinking fountains!!
1464. We love Elephant Rocks and I love to camp but I like that this area is not a camping area.
1465. This is a wonderful state park. Restrooms with flush toilets would be a nice update.
1466. Interesting park. I would not want to see it get too 'developed' but making it more accessible would be good. Providing parking for larger recreational vehicles would be good for visitors that are camping nearby.
1467. More people should visit.
1468. Need camping facilities.
1469. camping would be nice.
1470. My family loves this park. I like all of the new suggestions.
1471. Acquire adjacent properties to expand the park and allow for more hiking opportunities.
1472. LOVE the addition of an EV charging station!
1473. I like the rustic feel of the park as is - I think adding a lot more infrastructure would take away the 'outdoorsy-ness' of the place. I don't want to see a wide paved path/road everywhere and would like to experience the wildness of nature especially in a place with such unique geology that would have to be altered severely to accommodate some of the additions being suggested. I agree with some of the improvements and would only want to see majorly altered areas for universal access in limited places - not throughout the park.
1474. I love it as it is and do not want to see it become touristy or overly accommodating of people who need to glamp.
1475. Elephant Rocks is one of our favorite Missouri parks, and I would like to see expanded accessibility. I'm not opposed to any improvements listed, but would prefer to focus on those that prioritize ADA access and better accommodations and interpretation.

1476. I think the new proposed upgrades will be a nice expansion to the park to assist individuals. I think they would be a good step forward for the park.

Q14: Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding Missouri state parks and historic sites?

1. EV stations should go to the closest gas station, not in the park. I doubt you'd put a gas pump in there so why charging stations? No extra electrical currents need to go through the parks.
2. I love all our parks! We are a beautiful state.
3. I love them and visit many. Not every location needs an amphitheater, nor snack shops. Elephant Rocks has a little town nearby that NEEDS that tourism to not being taken away. Please don't whore out one of our most amazing places.
4. Love our MO State Parks System - keep on making improvements to trails, campsites, amenities, etc.!
5. We are very fortunate to have a robust State park system.
6. We have beautiful parks don't let disrespectful patrons ruin it. My father was born and grew up in Graniteville. Family cemetery is in Middleton.
7. At least basic camping areas in all of them.
8. I love our state parks!
9. Missouri has some of the best state parks in the country. Keep up the good work.
10. In this aspect I am deeply conservative. We learn the responsibility of stewardship in conservatories like our national parks. We need to be free to enter. We also need to know that they don't belong to us. Educational tours of the ecological natives that inhabit our parks, with signage and walking tours, would foster stewardship in our citizenry. I hope I don't need to emphasize how vital this is in a world of quarterly profits, shareholder value, and a concept of exponential growth in a finite world where ecological harm is considered an "externality".
11. A passport system similar to the NPS.
12. I like most of the updates. I think expanding the parking lot is a great idea since people like to park along the roadway in the summertime when it's busy. I hope that parking remains free, otherwise, people are going to continue to park along the roadway.
13. Do better at conservation and focus less on financially capitalizing on nature.
14. Make more information about the history of the area and the rocks.
15. Keep them all out of the hands of developers and other corporate interests.
16. Keep our equine use areas.
17. They are beautiful as they are. Don't "fix" it if it's not broken. Leave them natural.
18. Ensure that trails are maintained and make sure there are different trails of different lengths to making hiking accessible and enjoyable for different levels of hiking.
19. Don't flush out the nature for more "to do". Charging stations and concessions shouldn't take over nature that we are trying to preserve.
20. Restorative habitat, humans don't need much more accessibility just make accessible to all types and keep safe but don't need to degrade natural habitat for it.
21. Love all the state parks. Would like to see silver mines roads done a little better with more access to the park for the disabled.
22. Any improvements is always a great idea!
23. No, a lot of people just leave their trash out and of course, as we all know, it's not good for the environment and the animals living in the environment. I think a lot of people litter and don't get fined for it.
24. Start patrolling parks more, the drug use in the parks and drug addicts living/so called camping is horrible.
25. Stop destroying land!

26. Na, love them.
27. Missouri does a great job with their parks and historic sites for the most part. We camp in the parks spring, summer and fall. There are a couple that need restroom upgrades like Camp 2 at Sam A. Baker. Staff does their best but facilities are old and in rough shape.
28. All parks should have flush toilets with sinks to wash hands.
29. Keep them as natural as possible.
30. Keep it free to use, and don't destroy the rocks.
31. All state parks should have great Wi-Fi and emergency buttons throughout the trails.
32. I would like for a disc golf course to be added to Saint Joe Park.
33. I'm glad that MO's parks are free.
34. I do not
35. Love that people love to go and explore them so they can check them off their list that they visited. It's relaxing to walk around and enjoy the nature.
36. I am grateful for all of the parks in Missouri. So many places to explore and do hands on learning.
37. I love that improvements are coming but also want the parks to remain as natural as possible.
38. I grew up in St. Louis on a steady diet of parks and historic sites. I appreciate all you are doing to preserve and improve them. Thank you.
39. Keep them pure and natural
40. Create tour groups (bus tour but by van) for people to sign up and ride share between local parks. Hit shut-ins, tom sauk and rocks in one day.
41. We need to get Missouri's youth interested in the great outdoors. We need more educational programs with that are hands on. It would be nice to programs that allow youth to interact with animals. Maybe a youth camping weekend at elephant rocks or a movie night. We need to put socialization back into the community that is something that has been taken out of almost every aspect of life here in Missouri.
42. Do as much as you can before our crazy state legislature kills it all.
43. Very beautiful site
44. I am pleased that they are kept as natural as possible.
45. Elephant Rocks is a beautiful place. Thank you for taking such good care of our parks!
46. Absolute treasures that must be protected, maintained well and shared for all to benefit.
47. MDC does a great job for the most part maintaining our state parks and conservation areas. Certain things though like concessions or EV charging stations in my opinion commercialize our natural areas and take some of the "nature" out of our parks. Similarly, adding cell towers is an eyesore, and part of what I enjoy of getting out of St Louis to enjoy nature is unplugging from technology. Keep our natural resources natural 🖐
48. You guys do a great job. Keep teaching real geology and don't let any Christians make you teach their total bullshit.
49. Missouri has some of the best state parks in the United States.
50. My one wish is, and I'm not sure if there is one already since I haven't actually gotten to enjoy a visit, is a complete scale model of the mine in Park Hills. There are places and things I'm very curious about on the property.
51. We need more camp grounds with full hookup options.

52. I love the idea of EV charging. Elephant rocks is a great sized park for someone to visit while charging their EV and by charging a reasonable rate for charging, it could become a modest revenue stream.
53. Keep them as natural as possible. Develop hiking trails.
54. Keep up the great job.
55. I enjoy the state parks.
56. I don't like that they stopped the water fountains of free water to essentially sell plastic water bottles instead that could and are easily left and pollute the environment.
57. More trails should be added to state parks, especially for mountain bike use.
58. Upgrade more campgrounds to have full hookups. We almost always choose corps of engineer campgrounds over state parks because of limited full hookups at state parks.
59. Please consider rewording sites that appear to make the Confederate Army and the civil war a good thing. I appreciate remembering important parts of our history, but the Confederate Army should not be memorialized as a positive part of our past. They were traitors who killed people so that they could have forced slavery.
60. The survey needs an option for indifference. No idea was bad but certainly most of it is of little concern
61. Listings of other nearby attractions for tourists to be able to find d out about. Interactive or QR codes for visitors to scan would drive tourism.
62. Open more up to climbing (responsibly).
63. Changes to parks should ALWAYS have minimal impact and avoid disrupting the ecosystem & natural beauty as much as possible. Changes necessary for accessibility should be made, but we don't need or want space for giant noisy vehicles or charging stations (why not one OUTSIDE the park???? Like the nearest gas station?) In our parks or historic sites! We don't need more concrete!
64. Always keep the mission front and center.
65. More camping, love our Missouri state parks.
66. Generally well managed. St Joe State Park is very noisy due to off road area.
67. Appreciate all upkeep and improvements to enhance visitor experience.
68. I'm glad to see improvements to existing parks. I'm concerned that the state acquires new parks instead of maintaining the parks they already have in desperate need of repairs.
69. We have a great system with our parks, would hope we keep funding.
70. Keep them free of charge. People need some entertainment they can afford.
71. Love them.
72. the cost involved in putting EV charging stations especially in rural areas where a generator will be needed to charge vehicles is a waste of money and defeats the purpose
73. Keep up the good work, we have one of the best state park systems! Let's keep it that way.
74. I love visiting MO state parks!
75. Missouri does a pretty good job at taking care of the State parks.
76. Get starlink business internet so internet access is available so it is easier for emergency situations
77. Don't change too much because the park and area is busy enough the way it is.
78. Missouri State parks are awesome :)
79. Keep up the great work.

80. I wish more had concrete pads and water hook-ups for campers
81. More mtb trails.
82. All are managed well
83. Places to sit around the entire park would be great.
84. Expand the information on the rail lines leading to and from the rail house. Post internet links on it's history.
85. Prior to covid we visited a state park that was so run down I was embarrassed to return with visitors...I was told the park superintendent wanted it to become "more natural" ...
86. Always enjoy visiting them when I'm visiting family.
87. They need more trash cans available on trails and other areas.
88. Invest in our parks and promote tourism.
89. I am in favor of improvements to parks but hope they do not become commercialized
90. We are blessed to have the parks and historical sites we have in Missouri (most which are free).
91. keep making improvements and promote accessibility to more visitors.
92. Keep up the good work!
93. Love our Missouri Parks!
94. Any upgrades I'm in favor of! Wonderful places for cheap, fun entertainment!
95. Echo Bluff is a model for state park development and I'd love to see some of it replicated at other State Parks as you invest in developing them.
96. I disagree with the idea of expanding ADA up the trails. Seems like it's ruining a lot of things for most people so that a small minority can enjoy it in a reduced form.
97. Frequent Visitor of Missouri State Parks. Love to go!
98. Missouri Historic Sites have some of the best Museums! I love our State Parks. I have picked up trash in several of them. I just wish guest would remember take out what you bring in. How can you say you love nature if you you are going to leave your trash around the trails and hurt the animals in the area. All trash hurts animals. I wish everybody knew that.
99. Make use of internet resources to inform the public of current usage and any factors affecting use and availability. Especially Johnson Shut-ins.
100. Why change it?
101. I would like to see better motorcycle accessibility.
102. Thanks for the survey and opportunity to provide input.
103. You're doing a great job!
104. Usually done well.
105. Don't make fees so expensive that families can't afford to visit. Free is best.
106. I love the idea of improving Missouri state parks and historic sites for ADA accessibility.
107. Keep the going, I live them!
108. I enjoy them. I find the website a little clunky to explore.
109. Protecting native plants and wildlife should always be a priority.
110. Keep up the good work. Getting all parks up to ADA standards should be on top of the list. Pit/Vault toilets are gross so any chance of installing year round flushing toilets is awesome!
111. We love our state parks!
112. They shouldn't have lots of buildings in them and be left more natural.
113. Keep them natural with only parking and restrooms.

114. Keep the overall history and integrity of these sites, keep things simple and beautiful and accessible. They don't need to be tourist attractions with food and gift shops, the beauty of these places are they make you feel connected to nature and away from modern society. Keep the parks and sites connected to nature.
115. Better cell service.
116. Would like more places to sit at scenic areas.
117. 1. In terms of facilities and services: Strengthen maintenance and renewal: Regularly inspect and maintain the infrastructure within the state park and historical sites, such as roads, bridges, buildings, etc., to ensure the safety of tourists. Replace old and damaged facilities in time to ensure their normal use. For example, if the wooden bridge on the hiking trail appears decayed, it should be repaired or replaced in time.
2. In terms of environmental protection: Strengthen ecological protection: Formulate strict environmental protection regulations to strengthen the protection of animal and plant resources in the park. Limit the range of activities of tourists to avoid damage to the ecological environment. For example, set up fences and warning signs in some ecologically sensitive areas to prohibit tourists from entering.
3. In terms of tourism experience and promotion: Promote through modern technological means: Use modern technological means such as the Internet and social media to strengthen the publicity and promotion of Missouri state parks and historical sites. Produce exquisite publicity videos, pictures and other materials to attract more tourists to visit and tour.
118. I have very fond memories in many MO state parks. They are so beautiful and natural.
119. Would a camera surveillance system be possible for safety and to discourage vandalism?
120. Really appreciate the lake sites that provide canoe rental.
121. My family loves visiting state parks and enjoy the programs offered in the campgrounds. We stayed at Pershing SP this summer and were disappointed that there were no programs. I understand this particular park is not as busy but we love learning about nature and the area when we stay at the state parks. One of the best features in my opinion.
122. Keep up the good work!
123. Please keep fighting for Missouri Parks, but don't forget to fight tomorrow the environment and wildlife while you're trying to encourage visitors.
124. These are precious parts of MO and I hope we continue to preserve them into infinity.
125. Build sites especially new sites with existing trees for shade.
126. Stay true to keeping nature natural.
127. More equestrian & shared trails are needed as well as clearly posted trail safety posters.
128. Love this park—keep up the great work!
129. Historic sites need more info I think in some areas.
130. More info and history areas.
131. More trails.
132. Missouri is a treasure with its state parks. Please maintain them responsibly for future generations.
133. Leave it the way it is.
134. Please preserve them. We need it for future generations.
135. Love our tent camping across the state!

136. I'm from Missouri. We have beautiful parks, and we need to educate people who come about the need for stewardship and protecting the balance of nature which offers us this beauty and this opportunity to feel we are part of nature. It's not just a cool place to visit once in a while.
137. Generally love them and do great job. But sustainable restrooms are desired and others seem to do that better.
138. I'm proud of Missouri parks and use them frequently. Visiting each of them is on my bucket list.
139. Improving trails markers along the trails would be a great improvement. Better trails maps would also be good.
140. Increase access and information about history of areas.
141. Keep them free to enter, and maintain the trails!
142. Would love to see better marketing to STL and KC areas for parks in more remote regions of the state.
143. Keep up the great work!
144. I'm glad they are free to enter.
145. It'd be nice to see community groups host events in parks. I hope that's encouraged.
146. Get more old photos. The reason I say this is, when I was in one of the museums, I believe Ironton, Missouri... I saw a picture from the early 1900s taken at Elephant Rock... well, I have a picture of me, in the exact same spot... I thought that was pretty cool! Maybe there are some older residents that can offer some pictures that include popular historical sites, or state parks, or tourist sites that have never been seen before. Another comment I would like to make is... all the places that I have visited in Missouri are very clean, neat, and orderly.
147. They're awesome, thanks for all you all do!
148. Overall, Missouri parks are well kept. We enjoy visiting as many as we can.
149. Access to flush toilets or extremely well maintained vault toilets is a must. For the record, we recently were at Wallace State Park in a basic campsite and the toilet had no odor, zero. All toilets should be that clean.
150. Missouri has a lot of natural beauty and our State Parks Department do a great job of showcasing that.
151. Missouri has great parks.
152. I'm still upset you shut down the restaurant to change the Lodge into a rental. You took all the charm from the place. Now there's a snack bar, mediocre at best. I grew up going to that Lodge since I lived 5 miles from it. My mom, grandma and aunt all worked there as waitresses. It makes me very sad.
153. It is so cool having multiple parks in the area.
154. I have no comments or suggestions as of this time.
155. Excited for Shepherd of the Hills park to open.
156. Usable bathrooms year round would be great. At least maybe when the weather is good. Temps above freezing, etc.
157. I like them to remain natural and I want to bring the kids to the same place. I don't want it to be different.
158. I always want more camping, especially in Nov - March as it is so much more milder in MO.
159. Love that we have so many well maintained sites with such variety and resources in our state. Thank you!
160. Keep wild places wild.

161. I love our parks and you all do a great job keeping them open.
162. This park is stunning, well kept, and actually the back yard of where my Mother was born in her home in 1952. The home no longer stands there, but being my "downhome" I love that Missouri goes above and beyond to keep it and Johnson Shut-Ins so we'll groomed.
163. We love our parks and recreational areas!
164. My family love visiting parks and historic sites. Missouri does an excellent job maintaining these places. Thank you.
165. Same as above as it applies to development of any state park.
166. Parking to be better for bigger vehicles.
167. Improve infrastructure without destroying the reason for going to a state park. The quiet and natural resources are the reason we go.
168. I hate that you keep raising the price.
169. Publicize more.
170. An audio tour might be nice. If you are adding connectivity, an audio tour might be a great addition. Follow a link to an app or something like that.
171. Better maintenance overall.
172. It's one thing Missouri does right! Keep up the good work.
173. Acquire as many natural landscapes as you can and preserve them from development.
174. Keep up the great work. You're so very much appreciated.
175. NEED some iron ranger pipes for historic sites and parks that do not have contact stations for those of us that would like to donate to help out ALSO some of the signage at some parks and sites is either very outdated or faded, damaged at site Entry Signs.
176. Add campground.
177. Keep up the great work!
178. Be a leader in construction, access, and maintenance materials and methods that prioritize conserving our natural resources to the highest level, while making those resources accessible to the public for generations to come. Need to increase invasive species removal and subsequent habitat management. I love our Missouri State Parks! Keep up the great work!
179. Love and appreciate them.
180. Love them.
181. We will further strengthen the protection of natural ecosystems, such as strengthening the protection of rare animal and plant habitats and establishing more ecological protection zones. At the same time, we should strengthen the ecological education for tourists, and raise their awareness of the protection of the natural environment by setting up ecological guide boards and organizing natural education activities in the park.
182. Just upkeep the maintenance of the standing structures. No need to deliver anything more than what nature has to offer. We don't come to the parks for commodities. We come for nature.
183. Stop spending money unnecessarily.
184. Overall, we've found Missouri State Parks to be among the best in the Midwest. There are some issues with interpretive areas that need their signage updated and or replaced due to wear, damage or theft. The first one that comes to mind is the plaque that provided reference points at the Taum Sauk Lookout.
185. We need to do what we can to preserve historic sites for future generations.
186. Perhaps consider hiring some local teachers to be trail guides on certain days.

187. Upgrading them would be great.
188. Missouri State Parks and historic sites should be preserved and protected.
189. Love our park system! Keep up the good work!
190. Love visiting them.
191. Fund preservation of crumbling CCC structures.
192. 1. In terms of facility maintenance and renewal: - Strengthen daily maintenance: Regularly inspect and maintain the infrastructure within parks and historical sites, such as roads, bridges, buildings, etc., to ensure the safety of tourists. For some facilities that have been in disrepair for a long time, such as old signboards, aging building structures, etc., they should be repaired or replaced in a timely manner to enhance
193. Thank you for incredible parks.
194. I have been impressed by Missouri's State Parks system since I moved to the State. I "voted" against the amphitheater just because I prefer natural areas. More educational resources in a park couldn't really hurt.
195. Leave them how they were 100 years ago.
196. Leave them alone as much as possible.
197. We are proud of our parks and sites.
198. Add display boards, explanatory boards and other facilities in historical sites.
199. We need to protect them all, especially with the next 4 years coming up.
200. We appreciate the parks of Missouri.
201. Thanks for updating them.
202. Keep the natural state of the parks.
203. 1. Add a cooling/1st aid station at the trail head and a small shack at the furthest point. Stock with water for emergency. 2. When wireless capabilities are increased, recommend having an app for state parks that can give a guided tour via voice. Have qr codes to scan at each plaque to hear more.
204. I love Missouri state parks! They are always so clean and nice and the staff have always been wonderful.
205. I live in Illinois, but I mostly come to Missouri to hike you all do an amazing job with the upkeep of your parks and historic sites.
206. Love all the parks, keep up the good work!
207. Thank you for the wonderful job you do!
208. I pretty much like any park or historic sites that I've been to, and I've been to a lot of them!
209. I love the focus on accessibility.
210. Preserve the parks and keep them clean. We do not need to try to attract too many new guests. The more volume of guest we bring in the more damage they do to the natural habitat.
211. Keep them protected and non-commercial.
212. Its a beautiful peaceful place. Anything that keeps it cleaner, safe, and better for families is good. This way families have an affordable place to go and enjoy nature. And, its important to have area accessible for people who are older or handicapped so they can walk a short distance and have a sitting area for them so they can rest and go on or go back.
213. Wi-Fi availability.
214. State parks could learn from COE parks in terms of better facilities.

215. Leave nature "nature." Making it more accessible is fine, but development isn't necessary.
216. Missouri State Conservation and the State Parks system is a top notch program especially when compared to other neighboring states. If we have a bunch of parks that require visiting fees perhaps have an annual pass, allow seniors for free. Also keep them free as long as we can. Also we should have more ranger led tours of historic sites and a kid's ranger program to promote activities across the state to encourage kids to explore our wonderful states natural beauty and uniqueness. Promote learning about karst topography, wild edibles, plant usage canoeing, fishing and other activities and wonders of the state. .
217. Gates need to be open by sunrise.
218. Renewal of park resources is important. I was at Elephant Rocks and was concerned about the state of the Braille trail items when I was last there a couple months ago. I was also sad to see the state of disrepair of the exhibits at Battle of Pilot Knob and Johnson's Shut-Ins. Both have looked much better in the past and did not have noticeable exhibits not working. All three of these are great sites in the same area. Thank you for committing to restore and maintain them.
219. Make the parks more like Echo Bluff. The paved camping is amazing.
220. Pay no attention.
221. Keep the water on and shower houses/restrooms in campgrounds open through November!
222. Leave them the way they are just improve what's there when needed.
223. Missouri State Parks are well-kept and lovely. I have visited several and enjoy hiking and camping at them, especially with my troop of girls.
224. Maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure, adding commentary.
225. Need more law enforcement to keep parks safe.
226. I love all State parks and sites. I don't want to lose them.
227. Create passport books similar to Arkansas.
228. Generally, we need places we can go to experience the natural beauty of our state. Don't overthink them; don't waste money for EV charging stations and Wi-Fi. The park is a great place to put the phone down.
229. Too much of the time when the state seeks to "improve" places, fees are normally associated to people who want to visit. This limits school field trips, family get-togethers etc.
230. More improvements to other sites, please!
231. Keep making them the best of Missouri!!
232. Rustic is cheap for the state and good for nature and the environment. That's why I'd generally be against dolling up the parking lot and other amenities in Elephant.
233. Keep up the great work.
234. More loop trails needed!
235. Love them.
236. I'd like to see it with as little invasion to its original state. I used to live in Missouri.
237. Many childhood memories come from walking the trails of Elephant Rocks. We are blessed to be so close and have this amazing opportunity to enjoy the lovely park.
238. Love them.
239. Don't cater to the select few. At high volume areas, don't install EV chargers that exclude the majority of the population from parking in those spots. If there is a

demand for EV chargers, then the private sector will install them, don't use tax payer money and take up parking spots that we can't use.

240. Worthwhile and enjoyable.
241. More full services RV campsites.
242. Keep it natural.
243. More campgrounds, with updated campsites, with more options for winter camping
244. Preserving the natural formations should be the highest priority at the end of the day
245. I would love to see an EV charger installed. They are few and far between in southern Missouri. The one at Montauk was a life saver when we visited SW Mo a few weeks ago. Please consider all electric vehicles not just Teslas when designing charge station areas. I had to back into the grass at Montauk so the cord would reach my truck (F-150 Lightning). Thank you for everything MDC does!
246. Please use some of this money to open the Nixon state park which has been empty for years now. How on earth are we spending money on Wi-Fi for Elephant rocks when there is a completely neglected park 5 miles down the road? Make it make sense.
247. If there will be any development plans for any of the state parks is to expand available campsites of all types.
248. I love the parks and historical sites but don't destroy their natural beauty. Southeast Missouri is the land of my forefathers.
249. These parks are gorgeous!!! Don't ruin them by "improving".
250. We love all the state parks and sites and are grateful to have them.
251. I was at Taum Sauk in September and the scenic overlook was in horrible shape and needs attention.
252. I have never been to a park that I didn't enjoy; I realize that some upgrades are necessary to generate income but I appreciate the rustic.
253. Rock Bridge Memorial State Park is in desperate need of boardwalk and trail repairs. We love all of the parks and take advantage of them as frequently as possible.
254. Making these year-round destinations is a great move.
255. Since changing reservations to 12 months out, it has been difficult to find campsites that will accommodate our camping needs. Due to work schedules, we cannot plan 12 months out for what weekends we'll be able to sneak out.
256. As a former Missourian I really appreciate Mo's parks every time I visit another state's parks. E. Rocks is one of my faves along w/ Meramec and Washington.
257. I enjoy stopping and discovering the history and outdoor activities available. I hope the parks continue to provide these experiences.
258. Charging stations for EV's are unnecessary & take up too much space. They will rarely even be used. The cost outweighs the benefit.
259. Make them affordable. People travel and sometimes money is tight but parks are free to visit so don't hike prices so people can't afford.
260. I wish Washington State Park could be brought back to its former glory and all restroom facilities put back into full functioning and working order. I understand that the park may not get as much use as in the past but it has much historical value and it is sometimes hard to find a restroom while visiting the park. I have enjoyed staying a couple nights in a cabin there and wonder if there is enough use that adding more cabins could be done in other areas of the park giving more privacy for those staying. It would also be nice if a museum or interpretive center would be added to Washington State Park like found in Trail of Tears because of the petroglyphs and the CCC as learning about the history and wildlife would be great. In my youth Potosi

school district as well as many others had ecology days which was a program when would visit the Park. Many stations were set up and we would listen to a short lecture at each site such as river ecology, Forrest ecology, and soil ecology. That was one of my fondest memories of school and also I believe my first introduction to the park... Please try to put that program back into place as it is a good and wise use of tax dollars and hopefully will get our youth back to nature and off the phone...

- 261. Kept up the good work.
- 262. I've used the All Trails app to explore several state parks hiking trails. Someone told me about the Missouri Outdoors app which I like, but I think it could be so much better. For example, there are fishing lakes that have walking paths around the lake but not exactly a hiking trail. It would be nice if that path came up, as well as being able to sort by distance from your location AND length of the path/trail (1 mile vs 11 miles). "Show me 1-2 mile walking paths within 30 miles of me".
- 263. I would love to see this park get updated but with that leave the exploring parts alone. It was so fun going to all the different caves and places not a lot people knew where they were.
- 264. Minimal invasive upgrades. Maintain the natural features and beauty.
- 265. Add swimming or a place to cool off like splash pad area.
- 266. allow more hunting.
- 267. You all do a great job!
- 268. Don Robinson is a beautiful park.
- 269. Disabled vets should be able to camp free. Not including electrified/sewer spaces.
- 270. I prefer to keep the beautiful parks as close to natural as possible.
- 271. Please do anything to keep them out of trumps little satanic hands.
- 272. It would be nice to camp there.
- 273. Quit fitting nature for people and make people fit for nature.
- 274. Keep historic sites as natural as possible.
- 275. I like free parks.
- 276. Went to seven different state parks this summer. Enjoyed them all
- 277. The RV parks need updated for larger sites with full hookups. Trim back the trees to accommodate the higher RVs as repairing an RV roof is expensive when a limb rips it open. We would rather use a state park and help support our state.
- 278. I wish more state parks would have more accessibility for everyone to enjoy!
- 279. Do not overlook historic structures in facilities. Old post office building at Ha Ha Tonka State park needs the doors and windows repaired as necessary and painted.
- 280. I love our MO parks. You all do a great job maintaining them. Thank you!
- 281. The preservation of what is there is important, too many new features may down the historic nature.
- 282. Parking and sidewalks in good condition is a priority. Up-to-date signage in good condition.
- 283. Keep the shower and rest room buildings clean and up to date.
- 284. As long as these changes are going to help keep the park clean, and available I think these are great ideas.
- 285. It'd be cool to have some sort of guide that could tell you animals/plants that inhabit the local park.
- 286. Thanks for all you do.
- 287. I always enjoy them, well maintained and clean when I visit.
- 288. Current projects should be finished before new projects are started.

289. ADA IMPROVEMENTS ALWAYS GREAT.
290. I think they should be kept as primitive as possible to maintain their principles
291. Beautiful areas.
292. The postcards at Ha Ha Tonka stink. If you have any type of visitors center, they should have decent postcards and magnets which are cheap but fun souvenirs.
293. Love them!
294. Please allow bolting for climbing.
295. I think Missouri does very well is preserving our natural heritage and our historic spots with our parks.
296. Missouri has so many hidden gems as far as state parks. Increased visibility and accessibility would benefit local residents and tourists.
297. You all go a great job. Thank you.
298. Keep up the good work!
299. All is well.
300. MO does a great job with its parks.
301. You're doing great.
302. Love Elephant Rocks even though I don't get there much anymore. Used to visit as a child in summer. Native Missourian, now live out of state. I do come back to visit.
303. Same as above! Keep the parks hidden gems.
304. I fell late at Elephant Rocks. It was getting dark and I had no way to contact anyone. Better phone connection is a safety issue.
305. Love them!
306. Need to work on putting flush toilets in everywhere.
307. They are a wonderful resource for all to enjoy.
308. Keep them as undeveloped as possible.
309. More opportunities to buy park merchandise.
310. Keep them don't let homes or businesses be built on them. We need our parks and historic sites.
311. Love visiting, more parking is a great idea.
312. Cabins would be really cool to rent out.
313. I've tent camped in state parks since I was in diapers 48 years ago; most often at Sam Baker. I'd like more sites that are specifically for tents or little campers but also have electricity. I camped from a Monday to Sunday this summer and it suddenly struck me how the bus sized RVs have changed the experience. There was no sense of community. There was no more hearing other campsites stir awake in the morning, smelling their breakfasts, or hearing their kids. The big RVs created alleyways between them so there was very little interaction with other campers as we walked around; no casual conversations about where they were from or how long they were staying. At night, it was the same with campfires hidden in alleys or everyone retreating into their mobile house. In the past, I've been offered help starting a campfire, shared a clothes line for towels with neighbor, been offered food when I said it smelled delicious, and handed out glow balloons and sidewalk chalk to other kids. When beer cans still had pull tabs, we'd make chains out of the once left on the ground, take them to the rangers and get prizes or badges. Once, my dad ran the battery on the car down because he had the Cardinals game playing on the radio with the windows open. He kept it quiet, until the neighbors asked him to turn it up and some people walking by brought their camp chairs over to listen. I even had a birthday party when I was six in Rocky Mountain National Park. My mom and I walked to each campsite inviting all the

kids to come have ding dongs for cake and play games. This temporary community feel was gone because you couldn't see people hidden by RVs. It was very sad. However, it was also 98° and the electricity for our small electric fan was a life saver. But, It wasn't the heat that changed things. Looking back, I realized it had been changing slowly, but for the past several years, I've been camping more during the week. Instead of enjoying watching people set up on Friday, we were treated to the noise and smell of buses. I'm sorry this is so long, but writing it brought back more and more memories. I hope some retired park ranger reads it and smiles at the memories of all the kids that learned about bugs and birds and snakes and plants because they were there to teach them. Thank you.

- 314. Preserve and protect!
- 315. More history of the town/location around the park would be nice.
- 316. Thank you for the work you do in keeping Missouri beautiful.
- 317. No, I just wish visitors took better care when they visited. It's sad seeing litter and torn up things because people can't respect it.
- 318. Always love MO State Parks!
- 319. I would like EV charging options at every park. I can only enjoy parks near St. Louis or that aren't too far from an interstate as EV options are limited in rural locations.
- 320. Stop trying to modernize them!
- 321. Love what you do, thank you!
- 322. I like the ad campaign. Keep it up.
- 323. Stop blocking off areas like at Ha Ha Tonka state park that could previously be explored.
- 324. Online availability for the history of places like Elephant Rock. How did they form, etc.
- 325. One of MO best things to offer its own citizens and travelers from everywhere else! Always maintained well.
- 326. It's a great place to visit! We got married there May 29th 1999.
- 327. Would love to see our beautiful natural park features protected.
- 328. Provide more trails for backpacking and maintain the existing trails better!!!!
- 329. Consider posting signage regarding Alcohol consumption rules at various points where there is a stop sign and in parking areas. - No glass containers or Alcohol on trails, beaches etc. Love Missouri and our parks. Thank you!!!
- 330. Love MO state parks.
- 331. Easy access restaurant and facilities.
- 332. You guys are awesome.
- 333. Don't dam our rivers!
- 334. Thank you for the gift of free and clean parks. We are very blessed in Missouri. Thank you.
- 335. Full hookups for campers with pull thru sites.
- 336. Our state parks are a treasure! Let's invest the resources to keep them flourishing and available for our citizens.
- 337. Van meter needs more funding and love :)
- 338. Lodging is too costly. Considering the demand for lodging, it would be appreciated to lower the prices.
- 339. It seems other states invest more in "marketing" the attractions of their states
- 340. You have to make more sites ADA addressable. Also start developing 2D bar codes that can be scanned by phone with interactive information. Many youth struggle to

read above a 3rd grade level. Most parents of youth don't have the attention span to read it to them.

- 341. Adding a concession would increase trash and waste to the park. It would be great to have some updated trails and walking paths to some of the unsaved areas in the park.
- 342. The point in visiting state parks is to get away from people and life. Please don't make them just like any other tourist area.
- 343. Please preserve these treasures for our future generations.
- 344. Keep parks simple and inexpensive on the budget.
- 345. MO SP does an excellent job of managing and maintaining our wonderful parks.
- 346. More educational classes, especially at the various campgrounds
- 347. I love these sites. Great for family trips.
- 348. Love the park system!
- 349. Please protect them. Preserve and protect ✨ the ecosystem over people's opinions.
- 350. Continue to protect and share.
- 351. Missouri state parks are some of the best.
- 352. Love how we are preserving our parks and trying to keep them safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.
- 353. I feel we have the best SPs anywhere. Keep it up.
- 354. Have a nice day.
- 355. Love them.
- 356. Yeah leave nature natural.
- 357. Leave them alone.
- 358. Get rid of the pit bathrooms. They are unsafe for children and very unsanitary.
- 359. I appreciate the efforts to update state parks. We were recently at the Lake of the Ozarks and we're excited to see the campground upgrades in progress.
- 360. The best in the country! Most have outstanding services and never met an employee that wasn't the best.
- 361. Minimum impact on nature.
- 362. More bike trails with trail side camping or cabins.
- 363. MO State Parks are a treasure - thank you!
- 364. Keep them feeling outdoor like don't over commercialize out outdoor spaces and turn parks into a gimmick.
- 365. Love them.
- 366. Leave nature alone. Stop interfering. Can't you people find something better to do than create more disturbances. Go away.
- 367. Thank you for keeping our parks and historic sites open and enjoyable!
- 368. Website needs major upgrades! It's so difficult to navigate, or simply find a camping spot! Otherwise I think MO does a great job with state parks.
- 369. Love the park
- 370. Use taxpayer's money wisely. Don't be wasteful with it. Keep the parks/trails clean. No need for a bunch of nonsense speeding.
- 371. Better restroom maintenance and upkeep in some parks.
- 372. Keep it natural (see comments above)
- 373. More mountain bike trails.
- 374. I love them. I love they are free.
- 375. As a Missouri resident, I am very proud of our state parks and how the how run and maintained.
- 376. Best thing about Missouri.

377. I am a member of the "RC scaler" community who enjoy hiking on trails while driving low-speed miniature remote control trucks. Currently, many MO natural areas ban these trucks under the same rules that ban aerial drones and high-speed remote control trucks. We would appreciate if our trucks were permitted in more areas, though it is understandable that they may be a distraction for other hikers.
378. We love the Missouri State Parks!
379. I grew up going to the State Parks between St. Louis, Poplar Bluff, Eminence, and St. James. I love them, cherish them, and definitely want only the best for those who enjoy them, but want to preserve (as much as possible) the history and natural beauty of them. So, there is a fine line in accommodating the needs of the public and preservation. Keep up the good work.
380. Keep them simple.
381. I feel it is too dangerous for a blind person. I was raised in DeSoto and 21 really needs to be fixed all the way from STL.
382. MO State parks are the best.
383. I love the lodge at Echo Bluffs. I would like it if a state park closer to St. Louis had a lodge too.
384. Love MO state parks! You can tell when they are lovingly maintained and updated, it really shows. You can also see the contrast when updates are needed.
385. Preserve the nature and keep the work to mostly the parking lot area.
386. Thank you.
387. Easily accessible first aid station.
388. You all do a great job. I moved back to Missouri and have been surprised at how great of a state it is for those who appreciate nature. The state parks have been a huge part of me falling back in love with the outdoors!
389. Keep them as natural as possible.
390. Use creative events and kid-centered interactive structures/exhibits
391. It would be nice if all areas could be modernized accessibly, but still retain their simpler charm.
392. Don't over-develop Eleven Point State Park.
393. Making the parks destinations rather than simply day use would be good.
394. Love the Missouri State Parks!
395. I hike MO state parks often and most are great. I am curious as to why Joe Bald State Park is not maintained. Lots of folks still use the park
396. Grateful for the resources.
397. I'm happy with improvements being made throughout the system. I really like what was done at Johnson Shut-ins.
398. Thank you for maintaining these!
399. I'm very proud of our diverse parks.
400. I was recently at a few Arkansas State Parks and they have a passport program that encourages people to visit more of the parks. I think Missouri State parks should implement a program like this as well.
401. I LOVE Mo State Parks & Historic Sites!
402. We love Missouri parks and historic sites and visit them at every opportunity. The guides are always knowledgeable and provide interesting tours. These guides are unsung heroes, presenting history for present and future generations.

403. Have elephant rock state park t- shirts, reusable tote bags, key chains etc. Have a donation \$ spot for people that want to give money for upkeep and improvements for the park.
404. More modest cabin lodging would be nice.
405. Don't destroy or take areas away.
406. Better land management outside general use area.
407. Preserve them all.
408. I put a higher value on improving native habitats and ecosystems rather than concession stands and parking lots.
409. Civil War Sites should be seen from both sides. Ex. Fort Davidson vs General Sterling Price's Vantage Point.
410. My family loves visiting and learning about the history of our great state.
411. restrooms with flushing capabilities are nice
412. Would be great to increase trails at historic sites that have land associated.
413. Love MO State Parks
414. Keep it as natural as possible please
415. Enjoy the more natural parks the most.
416. Over 70 years of visiting earliest memories of Elephant Rocks and Washington State park petroglyphs
417. I love our parks departments. Missouri has some true geological treasures and I genuinely appreciate all of the work that you guys put into making them wonderful to explore.
418. Fences around all playgrounds so special needs families can feel safer, especially those with Autistic children who are at risk of elopement. It's much easier to keep up with children in a fenced in area.
419. I am in the mindset of leaving areas as natural as possible so that is what is enjoyed more than worrying about what extra things are at park areas but I also have understanding that upgrades do need to be made to accommodate all types of visitors and make people more comfortable and safe.
420. More restrooms.
421. Enforcement of waste/litter fines when visitors are doing this.
422. Show all the trails, concessions, restrooms, etc. on the park maps that are handed out at campgrounds.
423. Preserve as much as possible, don't allow the new administration to ruin our state parks.
424. Stop funding leave these as conservation sites and block off public access.
425. It is nice to have areas for RVS/trailers to park.
426. We enjoy all of them, always a good family experience.
427. Please continue to try to make places as accessible as possible.
428. More national attention via podcasts, and national advertisement campaign.
429. Don't overdevelop them.
430. Would've great to have a campground or something close to the park.
431. I lived in MO for over 40 years and still visit frequently. I have always thought the state did a great job managing the parks. I like that you're increasing handicap access as I am no longer able to do the things I used to, but still love the parks.
432. Love them.
433. Definitely hope that the cell phone connection improves for the parks.

- 434. Having nice bathrooms is great and makes it convenient. We love the picnic tables as well.
- 435. Leave them the hell alone and stop wasting taxpayers \$\$.
- 436. Leave it be.
- 437. Enjoy camping and hiking at all the parks. We have such a beautiful state!
- 438. Do not over develop leave it as natural and untouched as possible
- 439. We have some of the best state parks & historic sites compared to other states.
- 440. Need to fix pool at Washington State Park and put new pool in Bablee
- 441. We are a small town. Not meant for overcrowded people 24/7. Don't overdo it Park is the main thing toilets would be awesome.
- 442. We camp only at MSPs every other weekend from April through October, thank you for providing us with life long memories with our family. Have camp spots at Elephant Rocks would be amazing!
- 443. You're doing great.
- 444. Y'all are doing an amazing job from the things I have seen!
- 445. Need to take better care of them and have more recycling cans.
- 446. Common sense would be a big help. We used to have some of the best parks in the nation. The parks are still nice, but so much money seems to be poorly spent and proper maintenance ignored.
- 447. Love MO State Parks.
- 448. We have great state parks. Keep them well maintained and limit ATVs and loud vehicles.
- 449. Maintain, maintain, maintain. I was at Mastodon a few days ago and the "interpretive kiosk" is STILL in dire need of attention. It's embarrassing.
- 450. Butchering the Castlewood SP was despicable.
- 451. Do not over develop in the way of visitor centers and restaurants. All of the state parks in Missouri are very good at their current state.
- 452. Keep it as it is.
- 453. More EV Charging would be wonderful. MO State parks tend to be far removed from EV charging stations.
- 454. It is sometimes too busy with top many people.
- 455. I am an avid back packer and hiker but I also into remote control crawling and trailing with my electric RC car. I love to see more parks to be ok with the RC world be able to enjoy the parks but some parks don't allow it
- 456. Keep them as is. Do not commercialize any of them
- 457. There are other parks that would suit a modernization much more than Elephant State Park. The natural beauty and uniqueness alone.
- 458. Missouri State Parks and historic sites need to have a Park Ranger on site at all times during operation hours.
- 459. I love elephant rocks. It's great for family or just to come out and walk the trail for exercise.
- 460. I wish they would let Bollinger mill run the turbine and the mill. I was under the impression when that project started that was the goal. If not why did you bother to install flow control gates?
- 461. Clean bathrooms, multiple trash receptacles and clear parking like elephant rocks.
- 462. Our state is fortunate to have a diverse topography and many caves, rivers and historic sites.
- 463. Thank you for marking and caring for hiking trails.

- 464. Overall they are pretty good.
- 465. Every time I have been to Elephant Rocks I have seen wheelchair users using the Braille Trail. Thank you for considering this population!
- 466. I spent a lot of time hiking trails, camping, and fishing/swimming in Missouri State parks. I walk my dog at the Mastodon trails almost daily. I love the conservation of the parks and think they are well maintained!
- 467. I would LOVE to have a few trails that I could casually ride with a dual sport motorcycle, with motorcycle camping options.
- 468. Fix deferred maintenance first and quit wasting money on fluff.
- 469. No. Missouri does a great job with its parks and historic sites. Our family has been trying to visit as many of the parks as possible.
- 470. Keep them simple don't mess with nature Lots of parking but don't mess with the nature.
- 471. We love our parks . Think they are maintained very well in our opinion.
- 472. Would love to see additional accessibility improvements.
- 473. I love our state parks.
- 474. More available year-round camping!!!
- 475. Love that you guys are improving our parks!
- 476. Leave as much wild as possible! But also entice visitors, we need more people to experience and love our natural areas!
- 477. Keep the summer programs going, so we don't lose the younger generations interest in preservation.
- 478. More interaction for kids near historic photos for the adults.
- 479. I love our parks. I do wish that camping was easier...reserving only online starting this next year is not a good idea. Some places do not have cell service.
- 480. Keep them natural and affordable but make them accessible to people with disabilities.
- 481. Love my Missouri Parks.
- 482. More conservation agents. To stop littering, vandalism, etc.
- 483. Please keep improving the paths as you can without changing the current rock structure. Use go around for Ada compliance instead of drilling/blasting/changing the rocks.
- 484. Any improvements are welcomed.
- 485. Love them all! I love to brag about our State Parks and Conservation Areas to anyone that will listen.
- 486. Could be better, but better than Kansas.
- 487. I really like the interpretive centers with exhibits, especially reptiles, etc. I wish there was better access to Johnson shut-ins. The rocks are so slimy as you enter the water that people slip and fall a lot.
- 488. Mostly I have been very happy with how MO has managed these in the last 20 years.
- 489. Develop the cattle ranch on the Eleven Point river
- 490. Keep up the great work!
- 491. Maybe add a "neutral" option to this style of survey?
- 492. I love Missouri Parks and historic sites and appreciate asking the public for input.
- 493. You are on the vanguard of national conversation keep it up
- 494. Protect the parks. Don't let them be sold off. Develop new parks... announce work days for volunteers. Like Clean-ups etc.
- 495. Love them!!!

- 496. I do wish there would be more events like maybe moon watches or asteroid watches
- 497. Thank you for asking our opinions.
- 498. My family loves the hiking. We also enjoy grilling hotdogs.
- 499. Keep them.
- 500. Trash is the biggest issue I've seen, maybe add more trash cans.
- 501. Keep up the great work!
- 502. Enjoy them all.
- 503. Attention to upkeep of the known covered bridges still remaining in Missouri, state park at each one.
- 504. Thank you for all your work!
- 505. Making all these places accessible to everyone is great! I do love the natural beauty of Missouri.
- 506. Please don't try and make every park into Echo Bluff. The natural beauty was compromised for maximum comfort and commodities.
- 507. Add more historical plaques throughout the trail!
- 508. I really appreciate how Missouri has taken the time to.
- 509. I have enjoyed Elephant rocks for over 70 years. Do not commercialize it too much. Leave as rustic as possible!
- 510. Leave things as natural as you can, the best part is feeling like you're in nature. I don't want to see a huge tourist spot filled with people and trash. If you bring concessions into it, be prepared for litter everywhere.
- 511. I really like updating facilities to accommodate ADA standards. Flushing potties are cleaner for visitors to use, handwashing is very important!
- 512. Please keep it as natural as possible. Bathrooms would be great but concessions won't.
- 513. Having a spot to advertise places to stay nearby would be nice for visitors and nearby hosts.
- 514. I visited this park for the first time this year and it was awesome! Would love to see it updated and better kept
- 515. I hope they get all of the funding they need to be ADA accessible, and for waste water to be fully treated! They should be completely accessible and functional year round. Missourians and tourists will use all amenities!
- 516. We love our state parks!
- 517. Trail maps would be nice.
- 518. Love you all!!❤️
- 519. You all are doing a great job!
- 520. I love our parks and historic sites.
- 521. More freedom. Less regulation.
- 522. Love them.
- 523. Make more mountain bike trails available.
- 524. Add more restroom/outhouse/etc. options throughout the parks.
- 525. You all do a great job.
- 526. Expand them if possible.
- 527. Love going to state and national parks love that they are available for people to visit and enjoy.
- 528. Missouri has a great selection of state parks available without admission fees. A lot of other states charge admission fees.
- 529. Leave them as natural as possible. Do NOT commercialize .

- 530. I love them too.
- 531. Leave it as it is.
- 532. Open up more for exploration and hike in camping opportunities.
- 533. Increase patrol of Law Enforcement
- 534. Flush restrooms would be awesome at all parks!
- 535. Add a food Station!!
- 536. Keep funding and improvements happening-y'all do a great job!
- 537. Work with schools to have all-day education trips like we used to.
- 538. Keep up the good work.
- 539. Keep up the great work.
- 540. Missouri state parks are some of the best I have seen. I appreciate our natural areas and historic sites.
- 541. We have the best state park and conservation organizations.
- 542. The more natural the better. Making more trails ADA accessible is great though!
- 543. You are doing a good job.
- 544. I love Missouri state parks and historic sites!
- 545. Thank you for your hard work!
- 546. Would love some updates of Trail of Tears state park!!
- 547. The bathrooms tend to be pretty disgusting.
- 548. I'm content with what we have.
- 549. I am relatively happy with our State parks.
- 550. Consider selling "Ope Outdoors" clothing at other Missouri State Park locations, particularly from their "Missouri State Parks" line.
- 551. Quit trying to make areas better. Leave them natural.
- 552. Please don't block off the free climbing and keep the trails natural.
- 553. My kids really like the Halloween setups at campgrounds, I wish they all had a Halloween program.
- 554. It is very important to keep the areas as natural as possible
- 555. More EV Chargers (even level 2) would be greatly appreciated.
- 556. Do not alter except for ADA and emergency access. Keep it as natural as possible!
- 557. Ada stuff is nice but maybe add non ADA specific items as well.
- 558. Parks are great. I just wish more people picked up after themselves.
- 559. Make a campground. All state campgrounds should have some dedicated tent plots with privacy. Being elbow to elbow with RVs makes me go to other states when looking for trip planning.
- 560. Well done, they are a joy to visit.
- 561. Keep up the Great work.
- 562. We love the wild beauty of the parks.
- 563. Restrooms need to be improved statewide.
- 564. Johnson Shut Ins moving the Campground was a huge mistake. American Citizens should get to jump in line.
- 565. We need to stop being so car-centric it is killing our environment. Developing the park should be extremely careful as to not disturb the wildlife.
- 566. Please focus on establishing more multimodal connections to our state parks! Less car traffic in favor of other modes would reduce parking needs, allow for more people to access parks, and support a greener environment. People are already using active options within parks, so connecting parks to neighboring communities expands

- healthy and safe transportation alternatives. Shared use paths and transit connectivity can meet these needs, and help ALL Missourians access MO State Parks.
567. I am always in favor of having a small visitor's center and gift shop so that the public can monetarily support the parks improvement.
568. Love them all.
569. I think Missouri does a great job with most of its parks. As always the better the budget for the state the better our parks can be.
570. Make Amidon (castor river shut-ins) a state park with a campground.
571. Love our parks.
572. Keep up the good work.
573. I like natural undeveloped feeling of the park. Really makes it feel like you are in the middle of nowhere.
574. Increase funding to all parks. Many other parks need maintenance and improvements
575. We love going in the outskirts of the park. Can you put up signs of what it may have been used for when the park was established. We go 1-2 times a year spring and fall.
576. Most are fairly well maintained and user friendly.
577. Love them! Thank you for updating them for a better experience!
578. Missouri has very good state parks and historic sites.
579. I can only hope and pray that we preserve all of our state parks and historic sites for everyone to enjoy.
580. More camping spaces.
581. Love them.
582. From what I have seen and visited you do a very good job. Please keep the commercialization of our parks, etc. to a minimum.
583. We love camping at the parks!
584. Inclusive where budget allows.
585. I love Missouri state parks and historic sites! I love the state's commitment to offering accessible and careful management of these sites. I truly believe these places are the gems of the state and should be protected and well managed for current and future generations!
586. I love them and am trying to see as many as I can. I am packing food and drink now because of no access at some areas.
587. They're wonderful & my family is so thankful for them.
588. Do not increase accessibility. Increasing accessibility detracts from the natural aspect of parks and trails.
589. Do everything you can to preserve it!
590. Most state parks I have visited I believe the Park personnel do an outstanding job. Thank you for continually improving access to our natural state.
591. I love them! Would love for them to be improved for all members of our community.
592. Smoking sections. State parks are supposed to be legal to smoke Marijuana at.
593. I really just expect general maintenance on the trail, otherwise everything is just the nature experience to me
594. Myself and my family absolutely love Missouri state parks, and historic sites. We feel like they are important to visit and learn about. We love the idea of them being accessible to those with disabilities. Everyone should be able to witness and explore the beauty and extreme interest of Missouri State Parks and historic sites.

595. Get rid of invasive like bush honeysuckle. They are taking over the forest, sucking the rain from our native plants and making it hard for owls to fly through to hunt, etc. Keep them as natural as possible. More geocaches.
596. Most of the parks we have been to have been pretty good, but doing some upgrading to show pride I our parks, but still keep the area natural.
597. We would appreciate more home school programming.
598. ADA- For not just Elephant Rocks, improve information sharing for accessibility. A sped up drone view of trails and specific ADA ratings would assist. These could be on individual park pages as well as a consolidated list for all Missouri parks.
599. I appreciate being able to participate in surveys. I do think more Wi-Fi capability in campgrounds are needed. I would like to see more frost free spigot and a way to dump at the campgrounds during the off season so we can still use our parks more during the off season.
600. We should try to preserve them
601. Having access to purchase water and healthy snacks is great but I don't think a full blown concession stand should be built.
602. Keep up the good work preserving them.
603. I have been to Don Robinson recently. I don't understand what is going on there. The trail is a loop. If you start the loop by going all the way to the end of the paved trail you go down into the creek area and see the amazing cliff formations and waterfall but then the trail is closed off. I don't understand what is allowed anymore. Are we not supposed to follow the trail down and see the cliff formations anymore. They are the main feature of the park but now I worry I am breaking a rule due to poor signage???
604. The Missouri State Parks are Awesome already. Upgrade as necessary is my comment
605. Keep them as untouched as possible.
606. Bringing out more of the history is a welcome addition that adds interest to go along with nature.
607. More events, such as night time tours, seasonal events such as a Christmas light walk through.
608. Enforce rules to Johnson Shut Ins, food, plastic bottles, going to shut ins
609. Prioritize and develop a strategy to give equal consideration to all parks for repairs and maintenance.
610. I really wish you would add a full hook up loop at St Francois State Park. You have the land and I just don't understand why that park is so neglected.
611. Hope they stay going, I enjoy all I've been to.
612. Keep up the great work.
613. More camp sites.
614. We stayed at Washington State Park in DeSoto last June. The road for the cabins is a disgrace , as are the cabins. For the price we paid it was NOT a good place at all.
615. Keep the light pollution down as much as possible.
616. No need for amphitheaters.
617. Very impressed with Missouri State Park system.
618. Make all, best you can, for use in some degree for the elder and people of all ages with disabilities.
619. One of our favorite parks. We love going several times a year.
620. Continue Ada paths, preferably smooth and wide enough for wheelchair.
621. You are all doing a wonderful job.

- 622. Don't change too much.
- 623. Trail marker maintenance needs to be a priority state wide.
- 624. I love MO state parks!
- 625. Love my MO state parks!
- 626. I love the state parks.
- 627. Preserve the nature how it is. Set up the parks to enhance enjoyment of nature unchanged.
- 628. Change check out times at campgrounds to be 11 am.
- 629. Doing great!
- 630. I had the itch to do some night hikes this year. Conservation areas have extended hours, but it would be fun to have some special event night hikes or something of the sort in some state parks.
- 631. They are wonderful!!
- 632. Love them all. Use of mobility cart for people with disabilities only.
- 633. Love them!
- 634. Appreciate them all!
- 635. I enjoy them when I go.
- 636. When you "improve" your state parks, you invite MORE people and MORE people means more trash, more destruction and more advancements. These parks are meant to be natural and simple. Leave the ADA and other improvements to the Zoo and the various museums around the state.
- 637. Why concession stands? You want to ruin nature with capitalism? Raise money elsewhere ??😞😞😞😞
- 638. Upkeep and maintain what you have. There are far too many state parks in need of maintenance to bother with inventing solutions fir unfounded problems.
- 639. We use Missouri State Parks frequently.
- 640. Nope. Love them.
- 641. Progress for the sale of progress is not always an improvement. This holds especially true for green spaces.
- 642. Fishing should be a big focus.
- 643. More parks with ADA or stroller access.
- 644. Incredible resources, all. And worth investing in safe, beautiful places for people to go.
- 645. I've been to about half the parks; I love our state parks.
- 646. Several trails I have been on are not well marked. Maybe offer trail maps (through a qr code or something) so that people don't take wrong turns
- 647. Keep on keeping them up and going. Almost every vacation includes making a stop at a state park - whether home state of MO or other states.
- 648. I love that Missouri keeps state parks free so everyone can enjoy them. Keep up the good work!
- 649. We lost so much with the Taum Sauk reservoir disaster. It changed Johnson Shut-ins so much. Then all the "improvements" changed it even more. It is nothing like it's original state. Please don't do this to Elephant Rocks too. Taum Sauk Reservoir was once a place you could visit and see the reservoir and learn how it worked. Now it is closed off to the public. Another loss of educational experiences.
- 650. Miss them! Been in FL for the past two year. Missouri has the best park system compared to other states I've travelled to/lives in.
- 651. We love Missouri state parks, keep up the good work!

- 652. Continue to maintain!
- 653. Love to see Missouri continue to make improvements at Elephant rocks. It's an awesome park already and it looks like it's going to get even better.
- 654. Expand naturalist programs but do not add shops or commercialized products.
- 655. Maps physical one.
- 656. K.I.S.S
- 657. Fine the way they are.
- 658. Any effort that can be made to give ADA accessibility is money well spent and more opportunity for individuals to come out and contribute to the parks!
- 659. Reduce the thought of amphitheaters, RV parking, or snack shops. All three bring trash, pollution, and reduce the natural landscape.
- 660. In general, our Parks rank among the best in the nation. Don't spoil them by overdeveloping them.
- 661. You should allow draw archery deer and turkey hunting in the fall. You should allow draw firearm turkey hunting in the spring.
- 662. Please don't overly change anything because less is more. Keep in mind why the parks are there and don't change unnecessarily.
- 663. We frequently visit our state parks. We also travel a great deal & visit state parks all around the country. I would like to see us charge non-residents for use. It's expected as it's done in many states. With the funds this creates, I'd love to see upgrades such as bird blinds in appropriate areas; expanded campsites with sewer, water & electric; more cabins that feature restrooms & kitchens; native prairie plantings; and paved bike trails. I encourage our parks department to visit Arkansas parks as a close neighbor with upgraded parks. It's very sad to see dilapidated buildings & closed pools at our parks. I have great respect for our people in control. I know they have been limited by funding in the past. I applaud the burning efforts & efforts to remove invasive species.
- 664. Put in areas for dogs to play.
- 665. Visitors are guest of the taxpayers and should never have to pay an entrance or parking fee.
- 666. More guided tours and educational experiences for the public. More opportunities for people to go caving/spelunking with a tour guide. More knowledge for the public is needed so we can help preserve these structures.
- 667. Missouri takes good care of the parks and I'm very appreciative.
- 668. We love them, thank you
- 669. Our family loves exploring them! Of all the places we have been, Missouri does the best job of preserving state sites!
- 670. Love them!
- 671. They are wonderful
- 672. Better maintenance on paved trails. Watkins Mill is terrible & bridge #2 has been closed a very long time making it difficult for those with disabilities.
- 673. Make a handicap playground.
- 674. Thank you.
- 675. They should have minimal changes. We love our wild parks without all the fluff.
- 676. As for large vehicles. Many people with campers or big RV will avoid stopping due to lack of their kind of parking on busy days. How about have some 18 wheeler size spaces even if they are to the left or right of the entrance for those to park. We don't mind walking extra just to have adequate big spaces. Also put up several signs that is

- a single car or truck parks in the big rig only designated spots they will be ticketed. Big price to detour them from doing it.
677. I love them and want more of them.
678. Would like to see more interactive stations on the trail.
679. Please continue to maintain and improve these areas as needed. They are gems!
680. Places are becoming too big and commercialized. Leave the Ozarks small and simple.
681. Y'all are great and I appreciate you!
682. I love all of our unique and different parks and the fact that each one is special in its own way.
683. I think it's a wonderful place and welcome improvements to it!
684. Preserve them!! Flush toilets. Better maps and signage. More interpretive information.
685. Important to always preserve them and build upon what we have.
686. Start leaving at least one shower house going all year. Especially Sam A Baker.....more people camp in the winter than you might think.
687. I spend a lot of weekends in southeast MO, hiking, rockhounding, camping, swimming. Often not at a SP or Historic Site. Why? MO is the gem of the Midwest! Think mountains, pine forests, clear running streams. I am not allowed to stay in my 12' camper in MO's highest point SP? Washington SP pay to dig mine? Highlight your jewels!
688. Not everything needs changes to accommodate technology. We go to our parks and historic areas to get a way.
689. Love our state parks!
690. Same as above. Keep sanitation standards high, but otherwise let the wild things be wild. Please, for everyone's sake - let some things just BE.
691. Less is better!!!
692. Love your parks
693. I love them.
694. Please keep natural areas as natural as possible.
695. Better restrooms in all parks.
696. Allow some night use/education to enjoy the night sky amid the rocks.
697. Quit trying to modernize everything. It's not our backyard.
698. I like things simple and that's what makes the Park special.
699. Leave Wi-Fi out of our parks.
700. I like them to be and stay as natural as possible. No commercialization of them selling trinkets and junk. Just things to make the roads safe and bathrooms nice since people are pretty nasty.
701. Keep expanding and improving. I feel if the parks and sites are maintained, people do utilize and enjoy them.
702. More camping spots.
703. Need more.
704. As a transplant to Missouri I am generally impressed with the state parks.
705. Remove unruly people.
706. I've really enjoyed all the state parks.
707. Making them all accessible is wonderful.
708. Thank You for our Missouri State Parks!
709. I would like to see a book published or monthly magazine with articles about historical sights, different campgrounds, areas to visit. And I would pay for it.

- 710. More camp sites.
- 711. I am happy to see that Elephant Rocks is well tended and that plans for its future are being considered.
- 712. Better marking on all trails.
- 713. Many of us are seniors and would like to have benches to rest on during our adventures.
- 714. Keep up the good work.
- 715. Don't change much.
- 716. Replace the parking lot and upgrade the restrooms.
- 717. We love visiting the state parks.
- 718. I love the variety of state parks and historic sites that the state of Missouri has.
- 719. Better traffic flow, picnic areas, and restrooms.
- 720. I love Missouri's state parks and in the last year bought a tiny camper for my daughter and I. I would love to see more camping facilities at state parks with full hookups that are not booked out a year in advance. We have a beautiful state and I am so grateful I have been able to see a lot of it.
- 721. Don't make them a circus.
- 722. Overall, I'm positive on Missouri state parks.
- 723. Thank you for all the Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites.
- 724. Haven't been to one I didn't enjoy ;)
- 725. Preserve Missouri State Parks integrity. Our parks are not akin to amusement parks that benefit from increased traffic.
- 726. Some parks and sites are barely visited. Others are packed and the environment pays the cost. Making it easier to visit currently less popular spots would help nature and the visitors wanting a good experience.
- 727. I'd be in favor of small park fees if it meant more hiking trails and backpacking sites were made available.
- 728. Some parks are closed, or areas of the park are closed, without seemingly good reason. For example, this past summer part of the St. Joe bike trail was closed daily at 5pm. No explanation was given. People who travel to the park or get off work after 5 and want to ride the trail in its entirety can't because of this unexplained closing. One of the key features of St. Joe is the bike trail. Can we stop such nonsense, especially at peak seasons?
- 729. Create cabin rentals and increase police presence around Ozark trail heads to protect parked cars
- 730. A small gift shop/ concession area is all that is required.
- 731. I love our state parks and historic sites. Let's hope they stay intact.
- 732. Love them! We're lucky to have so many in our area and keep them free!
- 733. Please continue to protect and preserve these parts of our natural world. Thank you
- 734. I love all of our state parks, so grateful to be able to enjoy them.
- 735. We're lucky to have these beautiful places.
- 736. When can we start riding bikes on the trails at Current River State Park?
- 737. Keep up the good work, and always keep them free to the public.
- 738. More handicap accessible.
- 739. Keep it simple.
- 740. I love our state parks. The less technology the better. We go to these areas to get away from the world.

- 741. I am very proud of being from Missouri because of our state parks, keep the safe and as natural as we can! Great Job!
- 742. I wish you luck with funding for the next 4 years♥
- 743. Would love to see more full hookup camping sites.
- 744. Bring back the stamp passports
- 745. Proud of the parks offered in MO.
- 746. Educational resources for history of park.
- 747. Highlight more local contributions to the park and area surrounding state parks. Include more historical information.
- 748. We need to preserve our parks and expanding manmade structures and concrete only hurt the parks.
- 749. Think this is a great project.
- 750. We frequent many state parks and historic sites and have such an amazing time. Thanks for all of your hard work.
- 751. I love and use as many as I can all year round. Pray that the coming administration is not detrimental to their funding and upkeep.
- 752. Keep them open for us. Do the best you can with what you have.
- 753. The closest campground is Johnson Shut-ins. Expanding Wi-Fi at that campground is badly needed especially since there is no cell service in that area. Good Wi-Fi at all state parks that have campgrounds would be greatly appreciated.
- 754. Thanks for keeping these spaces updated for everyone to enjoy.
- 755. Missouri is missing out on a great opportunity to welcome disc golf courses in some of the parks. Disc golfers take great care of their courses picking up trash & looking after the natural resources. They are the eyes & ears in places there normally wouldn't be to keep watch over these spaces. It would increase visitation to the parks as well. Please reconsider your ban on disc golf courses in State Parks.
- 756. I love the state parks and any improvements to any of the parks is always a good idea in my book.
- 757. More funding is necessary to maintain the state's parks and historic sites to allow many more generations of visitors to enjoy them.
- 758. Other states require permits for out of state users.
- 759. The state parks are a great asset to Missouri but there are bigger issues than the ones suggested in this proposal.
- 760. We love the picnic areas. Would like to see more of them at parks.
- 761. Better signs for directions.
- 762. More opportunities for water refill stations.
- 763. Display more items used in the in the mines and focus more on the history of miners at the Missouri Mines State Historic Site. The site is about the miners and tools they used. The story of the miners and the items they used should be the focus. The site has many hundreds of items that could be displayed that could tell the story of the history of mines through the eyes of miners. Right now the sites is just about the minerals and rocks, nothing about the men and the equipment they used in the actual mining process.
- 764. No more parks like Echo Bluff. Parks should be geared towards the general public, not the rich, and environmental and historical protection should always be top priority.
- 765. Yes. I would love to do the advertising campaign to reach a different demographic of people.
- 766. I just wish some of the hiking trails were better marked.

- 767. Ban marijuana use.
- 768. Can you make a list of ADA accessible trails that information is difficult to find unless going through each site individually
- 769. I love our state parks!
- 770. More campgrounds!
- 771. I enjoy easy walking trails with interpretive signage.
- 772. Keep them as natural as possible
- 773. No need for Wi-Fi, let it be natural
- 774. MO does a great job at maintaining state park and providing wonderful parks.
- 775. Make it cheaper for Missouri residents. Make it more expensive for non US citizens to visit.
- 776. Keep them preserved, keep them simple, keep them clean.
- 777. All weather camping would be great.
- 778. A Disc Golf course would be incredible to increase foot traffic with nature orientated people. In addition, it has minimal impact on the environment. In addition, it would be cool to set up a state part souvenir collection. Like a map and pins of Missouri's state parks!
- 779. All that I've seen have been nice.
- 780. Stop developing so much that they turn into city parks.
- 781. Love our parks and historic sites!
- 782. We frequent them and really enjoy using the trails. However- we've noticed overgrown and unkempt trails recently, making it harder to enjoy some spaces.
- 783. Please keep preserving nature and accessibility.
- 784. I am all in favor of any revenue streams for the park, if the application is subtle and the project is well thought out
- 785. Would love to see more parks with camping closer to Springfield. Maybe some dispersed camping options as well.
- 786. Need more full hook up campsites.
- 787. We love Missouri state parks. Been to other states and Missouri is the best
- 788. Keep up the good work!
- 789. Love our parks.
- 790. Make some campsites non-reservable and only one night stays. Folks passing through miss visiting our parks.
- 791. More EV charging!
- 792. Please allow more access for Rock Climbing.
- 793. More poop bags and water for the dogs
- 794. Elephant Rocks is such a unique and wonderful resource! I would support protecting the rocks with added infrastructure that still allows exploration but limits damage.
- 795. Keep up the good work!
- 796. Please keep them as close to original as possible.
- 797. No food selling at parks. People can pack a lunch.
- 798. I love Missouri State parks.
- 799. Would love to see homeschool days in the parks and historic sites with educational activities.
- 800. I like the public engagement and the willingness to always improve from MO State Parks!
- 801. Keep wild areas wild. Creating easier access increases crowds which scares away wildlife, adds trash, and increases wear.

- 802. Stop commercializing them They are not amusement parks.
- 803. Work on making them more inclusive for all abilities.
- 804. Please pave the St. Joe State Park. The asphalt has major potholes.
- 805. Thankful to live in a state with so many great parks to visit.
- 806. Stop looking for ways to waste money.
- 807. Please continue to balance accessibility with protection. Allowing all people to experience Missouri's diverse splendor is important and I'm grateful for the thoughts of increased accessibility and educational opportunities.
- 808. I wouldn't mind seeing more trash cans on some of the shorter trails, I'm never going to get used to seeing trash in our forests. I love our MO State parks
- 809. I think more signage or mentions of nearby towns/food.
- 810. I like keeping them simple but interactive. Please we don't need Wi-Fi in these areas but I love the idea of more interactive educational features.
- 811. I think it is great that there are active improvements with the parks. We love visiting the different parks!
- 812. Look into funding your employees better so that way they can continue to take care of the parks and give wonderful experiences to guest.
- 813. Like all the ADA additions. Like to more plans to accommodate those of us in wheel chairs.
- 814. Less is more. Every park doesn't have to be Disneyland
- 815. Need more camping places
- 816. We love Mo state parks!
- 817. We enjoy the quality of the Missouri parks as neighbors.
- 818. We visit often. I hate that taxpayers have to subsidize accommodations for electric vehicles. I also prefer a food truck vendor area. They have WAY better food than a concession stand typically offers. Honestly... concession stand food sucks. The food trucks that show up
- 819. LOVE elephant rock!
- 820. No make rates cheaper or better rewards system.
- 821. More disc golf.
- 822. MO has some of the best state parks! Keep it up!
- 823. Trail management is lacking once you leave your paved or built structure trails. Build natural steps on rocky terrain hills for safety.
- 824. You do a great job. I always enjoy Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites.
- 825. Bring back the MO camper award patches!!!!
- 826. I love to travel all over America and I'm always impressed when I come back home to my state parks. Our parks are wonderful.
- 827. It'd be nice if there was a vending machine or something with stickers or souvenirs specific to each park along with snacks/drinks. There are a lot with limited supplies.
- 828. My family is a big fan of Missouri state parks. In so glad they're free for everyone and hope that they remain so in the future.
- 829. No, we love Mo State Parks.
- 830. As someone who is trying to visit all of the State Parks, it's so hard to find a checklist or map of JUST the state parks, not including the historic sites. The current map includes all, with different symbols for each, but it's tedious when planning a weekend outing.
- 831. Open sites with hiking earlier.
- 832. Preserve and maintain what you already have on place before adding new structures.

- 833. Make ADA
- 834. Continue making improvements for those with disabilities be it mobility, visual, auditory, etc. I would love to see more park sponsored activities as well. Short hikes, bird watching, crafting, whatever is best suited for area and season.
- 835. Love them... Improve restrooms in all Missouri parks and historic sites.
- 836. Great!
- 837. Why can't the division of State Parks and Historic Sites get the funding to adequately maintain the historic buildings, CCC buildings, and facilities at Cuivre River State Park? For years now The Historic Group Camps buildings have been languishing in various states of disrepair and disintegration!
- 838. A donation kiosk would be cool.
- 839. MO state parks are amazing. I want more state parks. I do wish the play grounds were more distinct, bigger, or offered more variability in activities. With two kids under 11, we can tell they get bored seeing the same ones over and over again. Also, kids love swings....more swings! Visitor Centers are also a huge plus. We get to learn about the local history and geography. Many need to be updated due to failing technology. Perhaps items to have on loan (like Libraries have?) to help people enjoy the park? Walking sticks, GPS trackers for geocaching, Flora and Fauna identification brochures or laminated cards? Community outreach to schools and local businesses to help host amphitheater events. Rental gear at the State Parks that have fisheries? I would love to trout fish and learn how to fly fish and practice before I buy, but renting would be a great option for those of us that would do it one or two times a year. Increased outreach with schools incorporating science phenomena of Missouri in our NGSS science curriculum. Keep the stamps going, I want to collect them all! Natural parks like Elephant Rocks should not be "added to" These parks are in their primitive natural state. This is what makes them natural and a park setting. To add modern amenities would further destroy natural surroundings and nature.
- 840. Recently becoming disabled, I see the need for better ADA in areas.
- 841. That it would be cool to see designated areas for specific user groups, like infrastructure developed to accommodate equestrian use, rock climbing hardware, or mountain biking trails.
- 842. Would like to see more staff available to monitor people who do things illegally.
- 843. Remember the family campers, and don't price yourselves out of their range and availability.
- 844. I love the variety of activities that state parks provide! There's something for everyone.
- 845. Less commercialization. Keep sales directed to local businesses.
- 846. All campgrounds need to work on full hookup sites.
- 847. We love Missouri state parks. We enjoy paved bike trails (or hard surface - not mountain biking) and FHU when camping.
- 848. My family and I enjoy going camping, swimming, fishing and hiking/biking at Missouri's State Parks.
- 849. We love our state parks, if you could make sure the shower heads are 6 foot or 6 1/2 feet tall that would be great some are challenging for tall people.
- 850. The website could be more user friendly.
- 851. Acquire more land at existing state parks to promote conservation and recreation.
- 852. appreciative of the funding and resultant opportunities to get to experience something out of the ordinary in MO.

- 853. Wider paths do not feel the same in moving through a space.
- 854. I've lived in several States and can say from experience that Missouri does a great job with our parks, and I really appreciate that the State is constantly improving the state parks and sites.
- 855. As someone who has family who wants to go to more parks but are wheelchair reliant, I appreciate this thought and I think it could make a big difference to a lot of people.